

The Weather
Oakland and vicinity - Cloudy Tuesday morning, clearing during day; light northeast winds.

1500 PERISH IN GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE

FATHER BEATS CHILDREN; 1 DEAD, 1 DYING

LOWER CALIFORNIA MAY ASK TO JOIN U. S.

THREE-YEAR-OLD VICTOR BRUNECKER IS VICTIM

Father, in a Drunken Rage, Strikes Down His Sick Child Because Resembles Mother

BABY ALSO ASSAILED, DECLARES ITS MOTHER

Little Lad in Convulsions Receives Fatal Blow on Neck because he was ill, Crying

Three-year-old Victor Brunecker, 638 Fifth street, is at the morgue dead, and an 18-month-old baby sister is dying at the Baby Hospital, Fifty-first and Dover streets, as the result of abuse and ill-treatment inflicted by their father, Joseph Brunecker.

The child died from what physicians believe is a broken neck, caused by a blow delivered by the father last night in a drunken rage. The baby is suffering from a complication of ailments brought on by a blow aimed at the mother a week ago, and which the baby received on its tiny body, according to the story told by the mother to the police and hospital attendants.

The killing of Victor marked the culmination of a night of terror for the little family, consisting of Mrs. Brunecker and five children. For weeks they have lived in fear of their lives. Brunecker has repeatedly beaten all of the members of his family and frequently threatened to kill them. Last night the sound of little Victor's voice, moaning in pain, brought on a frenzy of abuse, and he struck the child as it lay in bed.

MOTHER FEARFUL OF OWN LIFE
For six terrible hours the baby's mother crouched by his bedside, seeking to still the little limbs that writhed in convulsions, and fearing for her life at the hands of her husband. It was only when death came upon the child that she dared to call for help from the neighbors.

The tragedy of the night, which snuffed out a baby life, began with the birth of her child, according to Mrs. Brunecker, who has three other children. The child resembled its mother, who is of Italian extraction. This fact seemed to arouse Brunecker's wrath, and, according to Mrs. Brunecker, who sobbed as she told the story, he made it a target for brutal treatment. Last night this hate culminated in the blow which ended the tiny life's suffering.

"He always liked this child more than the rest," said Mrs. Brunecker. "I am an Italian and he is a German, and he hates Italians. That is what he says when he is drunk. But he beats me and the other children, too."

CHILD IS STRUCK BY A DRY FATHER

The father returned home under the influence of liquor. The child, according to the mother, was crying and he frequently struck it. The man, irritated by the baby's crying, is said to have walked over to the crib and struck little Victor violently on the neck. The father is a powerful man and the force of the blow knocked the child backward into the crib, where it lay for some time.

The mother, little knowing of the cause that had been inflicted, comforted it as best she could, tucking it away in its bed and crooning mother songs until it finally dropped into what she thought was slumber. For six hours she sat by its bedside, while the father raged up and down, home and reviled her and the child.

Shortly before 3 o'clock this morning the child became unconscious. The mother, panic-stricken, tried to get the father to go for a physician. He refused. Finally, the mother, crying and half-dressed, fled from the house, met a policeman. She told him that little Victor was having convulsions from something

Three-year-old VICTOR BRUNECKER, who died from injuries inflicted by his father, Joseph Brunecker.



16 PERISH FROM COLD AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Sixteen dead, hundreds requiring medical attention and countless thousands suffering acutely because of the lack of sufficient fuel and food.

This was the situation as it existed in New York City today as a result of the coldest weather ever experienced in the metropolis.

At 1:30 a. m. today the weather bureau declined to make any definite forecast regarding the approach of higher temperature. At that hour the mercury, after having been blown down to 13 degrees below zero last night, made a commendable effort to rise, but the best it could do was six degrees below zero. The biting wind, however, showed signs of diminishing, and this was regarded as a hopeful sign.

The harbor situation was historic. Never before have mariners seen so much ice in the bay and river. The floating cakes are so large that many ships were forced to tie along docks instead of lying at anchor in the middle of the river.

Captain George Fountain of the tugboat Spry and his crew of five men narrowly escaped death when a large ice cake punctured and sank the tug off Stapleton, Staten Island.

The Hudson river has frozen solid as far south as Riverdale.

COLD WAVE SPREADS OVER LARGE AREA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The entire nation was suffering from the cold today. Lowest temperatures ever recorded in the history of the weather bureau were reported from New England and the middle Atlantic States. Along the Atlantic coast, from the Virginia capes northward, all records since 1890 have been shattered.

While the weather bureau held out the hope today that commencing tomorrow the extreme cold would moderate, it mingled the hope with fear that a snowstorm would accompany the slight rise in the mercury.

Suffering in Washington and the surrounding territory has been very great. Even the President has not been an exception. There are no storm windows in the White House and the icy winds have swept through the great rooms there. As a result it became necessary to shut off with heavy curtains the section occupied by the family.

Immediate action by the railroads to relieve the critical coal shortage, particularly in New England and other sections, suffering from the cold wave was being considered today by Director General McAdoo and members of the railroad war board.

In addition to effecting a freer movement of coal the treatment of labor questions will be one of the chief railroad problems to be dealt with by the director general.

M'ADOO TO PAY HIGHER WAGES FOR R. R. WORK

All Employees to Be Benefited by Government Taking Over Railroads of United States

LONG HAULS WILL BE ELIMINATED

Public Asked to Be Patient Till Equipment and Terminals to Meet Demands Are Ready

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—General Director McAdoo will pay his 1,500,000 railroad employees more money.

This has been definitely agreed upon between President Wilson and leaders of the four great brotherhoods and will cover increases for all employees whether members of the brotherhoods or not. The government will not meet the full forty per cent increase demanded by the men, but an agreement is assured.

At a conference today between McAdoo and the board of mediation and conciliation, a basis of increase was expected to be finally determined.

This question, together with action to relieve congestion at the ports of New York and Newport News, now being the heart of the heavy export freight shipments is occupying McAdoo's attention to the exclusion of other problems now.

His plan is to divert immediately freight directed to these points and send it to Boston and Philadelphia. The long haul of freight from the central part of the country for which the eastern roads have been actively bidding, will be eliminated entirely and all such shipments will go to New Orleans and other southern points which have been practically idle.

GOVERNMENT TO SUPPLY THE MONEY

The government will pay higher wages just as it did when the shipping board advanced the scale in shipyards. While the rates will be paid through the present railroad offices, the government will supply the additional money because the guaranteed income of the past three years cannot, in most cases, cover the raise.

The amount of the increase has not been determined, but President Wilson has assured the men their requests will be "fairly dealt with."

The mediation board asked McAdoo to be permitted to represent him in conferences with brotherhood leaders. The railroads will not figure in the conference unless as a tolerant third party because only the public and the employees are directly concerned.

McAdoo may act personally for speed, without awaiting mediation, although the brotherhood leaders were reconciled at their recent conference with President Wilson to sixty days' delay regarding mediation at a meeting with him scheduled for later this week.

His order, No. 1, pooling equipment and terminals in one national system, disregarding corporate advantage, remains to be worked out. It did not increase rolling stock. Experts say trying to handle all available freight with present equipment is like trying to crowd a quart into a pint bottle.

McAdoo is already turning his attention to financing shipments in terminals and equipment. Some of the 1800 locomotives under order in American plants by foreign governments will be requisitioned. Some lines will be stripped of engines and freight cars, which will be placed into service in congested territory.

Many passenger coaches will be converted into freight cars. Additional terminal facilities and storage houses will be constructed at tide-water ports and at the big inland railway centers. It will be weeks, probably months, before the common use of present terminals at New York, Jersey City and Chicago can be worked out.

SECESSION OF MEXICAN STATE NOT CONFIRMED

News of Split Brought to San Francisco by Man From Los Angeles Man; Develop Plans

SAYS REPRESENTATIVE IS ON WAY TO WASHINGTON

Internal Troubles Expected to Prevent Attack by Mexico; May Mean Addition to Union

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—A statement that the "Republic of Lower California" is in process of formation by secession from Mexico was made today by Fielding J. Stillson of Los Angeles, who is here peripatetic in the capacity of a representative of the new country. Stillson's claims, based on the alleged relations between Governor Esteban Cantu and a group of American capitalists, were given some authority here, despite the fact that word from the borderland between California and Lower California tended to discredit the statements.

A similar report some weeks ago was promptly denied by Governor Cantu. Stillson stated that he expects to leave within a week for a conference with Governor Cantu, whom he has never seen, and to set foot for the first time on the soil of the new republic, "the smallest in population in the western hemisphere."

A personal representative of Governor Cantu has agreed that he will visit San Francisco and is on his way to Washington, Stillson said, but added that he was not at liberty to reveal the identity of the envoy.

A conflict with the Carranza government of Mexico may result from the declaration of independence of Lower California is admitted, but it is thought that the internal troubles of Mexico will not permit that country to send a large force to oppose Cantu in his mission. It is intimated that he will be supported by American capital, and that this will assure him of being able to preserve the integrity of the new State.

TO ASK RECOGNITION FROM AMERICANS

Recognition by the United States Government will be sought immediately, and he is asked that his government believe that the action of Governor Cantu would not be looked upon adversely by the government at Washington. A powerful group of American businessmen were consulted before Cantu took the step, and he has been assured of their strong support.

Lower California will seek to enjoy a protectorate under the United States, but will not in any way surrender its mission to the Union, it is believed. Other than Stillson's assurance, no intimation of the reception to be given by the United States to the action of Lower California has been given. Stillson issued the statement.

"I have been approached in this matter by a mutual friend acting for Governor Cantu, whom I have never seen, and I am here in connection with the business of the new republic."

Before going to Washington, I will go to Lower California for a conference with the governor.

"Lower California has decided to secede from Mexico, as Governor Cantu and his people are anxious to develop the territory and to interest American capital in Lower California on a basis which will be fair to both Mexicans and Americans."

"We are confident of the welcome that will be given to the new republic by the American government. In the past, that the American government is very friendly to Governor Cantu and his administration in Lower California. As yet I have not been in personal communication with Washington."

"I would rather not state my views as to how President Carranza and his government are likely to consider the secession of Lower California from the Mexican Republic."

"Lower California is placing itself under the protection of the United States, and may possibly, in time, join the Union. For the present at least Governor Cantu will remain at the head of the new State, which will cultivate the very closest relations with the United States."

England and France to Consider Peace Terms As Offered by Germans

Allies Break Through Front Lines of Huns in Drive on Italian Front; East Siberia Sees Severe Fighting

TEUTONS FEEL PINCH OF FAMINE

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Manchester Guardian says it is the intention of the British government, when the Austro-German terms of peace are presented officially to return a serious and reasoned reply. Premier Lloyd-George has arranged to visit France, according to the newspaper, to confer with Premier Clemenceau on this subject.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—State Department officials consider the German Government is attempting to disguise the fact behind the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk by the widely circulated story that the Kaiser has delegated to Chancellor von Hertling the power to make peace and that the Pan-German press is deeply irritated at the peace terms proposed by the German delegates.

The apparent displeasure of the Pan-German element is regarded by officials here as probable factor for the purpose of indicating the confidence of the public in Germany's power to dictate peace terms. The story that the Kaiser was yielding more power to his chancellor has not been borne out by any facts received at the State Department. The only information that might serve as the basis for such a report was a dispatch under the date of December 21 in which it was reported that the Kaiser had given to the chancellor his approval of the participation in the peace conference of the delegates chosen by the chancellor.

The State Department today was still without any information, official or otherwise, that this government's participation at a peace conference is desired. Reports from Brest-Litovsk and from Petrograd have left no doubt that both Berlin and Petrograd are determined to possible to align America and the co-belligerents in some peace agreement and the receipt of an offer, either direct or indirect, would be no surprise. No official of this government has committed himself upon what reply would be made, but there has been nothing to indicate that it would be favorable.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 31.—The Brest Litovsk conference adjourned temporarily today with a further agreement looking toward a separate peace between Russia and Germany ready to be submitted to the governments on both sides.

The agreement, it was stated, was substantially that the Russians would withdraw from occupied portions of Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Persia if the central powers did likewise from Poland, Lithuania, Courland and other parts of Russia, granting the "free opportunity" to decide their own future status. During this period of decision the agreement specified that only national and local militia was to remain in the territory.

The delegates have also jointly stipulated terms for resumption of full and free commercial intercourse, the release of war prisoners and payment for damage done by occupying troops.

The agreement practically provides for restoration of the status quo ante, with the revocation of many laws and national regulations which have been adopted by both sides during the struggle.

The only point on which the Russian peace delegates insist on more definite interpretation is that concession in the German stipulations for the restoration of possible territories being permitted to announce their own choice of future government. The German provisions merely recognize the right of such states—Poland, Lithuania, Esthonia, Courland and Latvia—to independence and provide for a special commission to arrange other matters.

The Russian counter-proposals are for a more detailed specification from Germany as her attitude on such states.

French Hit Hard Blow On Italy Front

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—French troops on the Northern Italian front yesterday took the offensive. In the afternoon the French infantry penetrated portions of the Austro-German positions on Monte Lombard, the German general staff announced today.

ROME, Dec. 31.—In the Monte Lombard region on the northern front, the French have captured many positions between Osteria di Monferena and Maranino, the war office announced. They also captured about 1400 men and sixty machine guns and seven cannon.

VIENNA, Dec. 31.—Counter measures against the French are in course of preparation in the Monte Lombard area, the war office announced.

PADUA, Italy, Dec. 31.—The ancient monumental Church of Padua, containing frescoes by Titian and Campagna, was the center of a vast conflagration last night when lighted up the skies for miles around. The fire started from incendiary bombs dropped by enemy airplanes in another raid which resulted in widespread destruction and death.

The dome of the massive church burned throughout the night, making a majestic spectacle, and the solidity of the ancient walls dating from 1250 and the copper roof saved the main structure and paintings from destruction. The bomb hit the outer edge of the dome, which was soon a fiery furnace rising 150 feet in the center of the city.

One building was pierced from top to bottom and torn to pieces by a bomb which killed four persons, three of whom were children. The Church of San Valentino and the ancient palace were hit and partly wrecked. Other private buildings also were struck.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Fire occurred today at the New York navy yard. After the alarm was sounded sailors were stationed every ten feet around the yard, and workmen were forbidden to enter or leave during the ensuing ninety minutes. Information regarding the blaze was referred to the government authorities at Washington.

PEKING, Dec. 31.—Civil war is in progress at Irkutsk. In Eastern Siberia, on the Trans-Siberian Railway and in the surrounding districts, the town was set on fire by Red Guards after they had murdered the French consular agent and three other Frenchmen. Many persons, including women and children, are being killed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rumors of a plot to assassinate Nicholas Lezhnev, the Bolshevik premier, and Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, have attained widespread circulation in Petrograd, according to a cablegram from the Petrograd correspondent of the Jewish Daily Forward today. The plot was attributed to the Social-Revolutionaries.

PEKING, Dec. 31.—An American aviator was killed yesterday while making a test flight at an aviation center before French and American pilots and observation aviators. Although the wind was blowing violently, he made a loop successfully, but on attempting to report to his American comrades with his last breath the observations he had made.

80,000 ARE HOMELESS AND FLEE FOR LIVES

Capital Completely Destroyed in Worst Disaster in History of Central American Zone

RED CROSS WILL SEND RELIEF SHIP

Shocks Have Occurred Every Few Minutes, According to Late Reports From District

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Fifteen hundred persons were killed in the earthquake at Guatemala City, according to private messages to a fruit company here today from Belis. Almost the entire city was destroyed, the messages said.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—One thousand dead as the result of the Guatemala City earthquake was the estimate furnished the State Department today in a cablegram from the Central and South American Telegraph Company.

Eighty thousand are homeless and are fleeing the city for places of safety in the country.

The San Jose manager, under date of December 30, related that he had just returned from the capital, where he found 40 per cent of the houses demolished, most of the others uninhabitable, the postoffice and large churches wrecked, martial law in effect, inhabitants quitting the city upon the President's orders, and terrific shocks continuing at 6-minute intervals.

Much of the region between Guatemala City and San Jose, seventy-five miles away, has been devastated, the embassy report stated. All line of communication inland from San Jose have been severed and only meager scraps of information have been received by Don Joaquin Mendez, Guatemalan minister here.

Railroads into Guatemala City have been demolished and couriers have been despatched from San Jose to determine definite news of the disaster.

Guatemala City has a population of more than 150,000 people, Mendez said, and if preliminary reports are true, the suffering among the thousands made homeless must be acute.

Mendez expressed his gratitude to this country for ordering warships to San Jose to assist in relief work. Efforts to establish wireless communication with inland Guatemala so far have failed.

A Red Cross relief ship will sail from New Orleans for Guatemala January 1 to carry relief to the earthquake sufferers.

Loading of the vessel began today. Besides \$10,000 worth of foodstuffs, the steamer will carry out great quantities of medical supplies and disinfectants, and off to the relief. A cablegram from Guatemala City today asks that salvaged iron be sent to build temporary structures to house the 125,000 whose homes were destroyed. The Red Cross was attempting to buy galvanized iron in large quantities today, but found difficulty because of the great government orders for the material.

1 KILLED; 9 HURT

WILKESBARE, Pa., Dec. 31.—Fred Corby, fire boss, was instantly killed and nine other mine workers were burned in the Underwood mine of the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Throop today, when a large pocket of gas ignited and exploded.

The explosion was caused by a mine lamp which had been left on, with the gas from the dangerous black damp the work of rescue was difficult. All the victims have not been removed from the mine.

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ENGLAND AND FRANCE WILL SUPPLY GUNS

By Lawrence Martin, United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, Dec. 31.—Great Britain and France have agreed to supply artillery for all the American troops sent to France in 1918. They are prepared to furnish it even longer if necessary. They must furnish it, however, to the ships to transport them.

This was the testimony today of Major-General William C. Crozier, chief of ordnance before the Senate military affairs committee. General Crozier put responsibility for this condition upon the country as a whole for failure to prepare.

"As long ago as 1916 I and other officers persistently urged that the United States should have a heavy artillery," said General Crozier. "The responsibility for our failure to get it must rest upon the people as a whole."

EXPLAIN UNDER OATH.

General Crozier was required by the committee to answer charges of inefficiency and lack of foresight, made by previous witnesses. He demanded that he be permitted to make his explanation under oath. No other witness before the committee has given sworn testimony but upon the suggestion of Senator Frelinhuysen "that the attorney-general may later want to use some of the evidence here," General Crozier was sworn.

General Crozier, reading from a carefully-prepared statement, told how he had arranged last summer with Andre Tardieu, head of the French mission for manufacture in France of enough French 75 and 155-millimeter howitzers to supply all American forces sent to France to March 7, 1918. Emphatically denying that American forces were being sent to France for the purpose of fighting the French mission, General Crozier said that the French mission was to supply the French mission with French 75 and 155-millimeter howitzers to supply all American forces sent to France to March 7, 1918. Emphatically denying that American forces were being sent to France for the purpose of fighting the French mission, General Crozier said that the French mission was to supply the French mission with French 75 and 155-millimeter howitzers to supply all American forces sent to France to March 7, 1918.

OAKLAND SHIP SEIZED; ENEMY TRADE CHARGED

Oakland shipping men are interestedly awaiting developments which will follow the seizure today by the U. S. naval authorities of the steam schooner North Fork, former Oakland vessel owned by the Charles Nelson Company and until recently used for the transportation of lumber for the Sunset Lumber Company, which is now moored at the San Diego municipal wharf under armed guard. The North Fork was seized by a United States cutter while en route from San Diego to Livermore, and the officers on board were charged with violating the trading-with-the-enemy act by attempting to trade with blacklisted concerns in Lower California.

Captain Carter and the twelve members of the crew are being held in the ship. Carter's refusal to give any information relative to the character of cargo carried. It is said that the North Fork has been stopped by patrol boats on several occasions when suspicion pointed to the presence of stockpiles on board en route to Mexican ports.

The North Fork was built at Fairhaven, Cal., in 1888 and is 137 feet long, 27 feet beam and 10 feet depth of hold, carrying a gross tonnage of 1,000. The steam engine is of 400 horse power. Formerly, the vessel was engaged in lumber trade between Oakland and Eureka in the lumber and passenger trade under command of Captain Nelson. About two months ago she was leased by the owners to another company and was taken south for the first time on the run to a foreign port.

The seizure of the North Fork recalls the similar tale of the power schooner Anvil, which was overhauled on the lush seas in September of this year while transporting a party of alleged snickers from Eureka to Alaska. The Anvil is now back in regular service running from Coos Bay to Portland. At the present time she is tied up at Portland while undergoing repairs after a slight accident.

75 and 155-millimeter howitzers in considerable quantities since September.

Switching to the criticism of the ordnance department for its failure to provide machine guns, particularly Lewis guns, General Crozier declared the Lewis gun never proved satisfactory in tests until May 17, this year.

Though the Lewis gun as manufactured by Great Britain proved highly effective, the gun of this type offered this government did not prove so. Why this is so is a question I can't answer," said Crozier.

When war was declared upon Germany, Crozier said, all but \$1,500,000 of the \$12,000,000 previously appropriated for machine guns had been spent through contracts for machine guns and automatic rifles.

"On April 25, Crozier's recommendation, the \$1,500,000 was invested in Lewis guns, which Crozier said had been greatly improved since its earlier rejection.

There is no record that Colonel Lewis, inventor of this gun, ever offered his gun to this government free or at any price," declared Crozier. "The only automatic arms company, The Company, which offered the Lewis gun had been rejected. It was entirely satisfied with the tests."

This statement was in answer to Colonel Lewis' statement that he had repeatedly offered his gun free to the government but that the offer had been rejected. Crozier also denied that he had opposed adoption of a machine gun invented by Lewis. He said he used the adoption of this gun finder, although the government had to spend several thousand dollars perfecting the invention before it was usable.

FATHER BEATS CHILD TO DEATH

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that he had eaten. The patrol wagon was summoned and the little sufferer taken to the Central Emergency hospital.

As soon as the baby was laid on the operating table and an examination made of him by Drs. C. A. Mackay and A. C. Smith, it was seen that something else was wrong. The mother was questioned and finally admitted that the child had been struck a violent blow in the neck. The woman's testimony was borne out by the examination of the physicians.

Half an hour later little Victor was pronounced dead. Medical skill did all that was possible to sustain life but without avail. The police in the meantime had returned to the Frankelers home where they found the child's father in bed in a drunken stupor. He is being held at the Central station and probably will be charged with manslaughter.

According to the mother, Frankelers has been in the habit of beating little Victor because of his resemblance to her. There are three other children, who resemble Bruncker. They have been the favored three. But the little victim of Bruncker's brutality was not so fortunate and today occupies a slab at the morgue awaiting an official autopsy, because of his father's dislike.

WIFE AND CHILDREN KEPT IN TERROR

"For eight years, ever since we were married, myself and the children have been in terror of my husband," declared Mrs. Bruncker, whenever he was drunk. "I wanted to get a divorce, but he threatened to kill me if I did. When he is sober he is all right. He has been arrested four times, and every time Mr. Hennessy, the prosecuting attorney, has said he would give him another chance, and then the same thing happened all over."

"He always lashed the child more than the rest; you see, the child looks like me—I am an Italian—and he is a German and hates Italians. That is what he says when he is drunk. But he beats me and the other three children too."

Mrs. Bruncker says that the child had been ill yesterday and at night had some into convulsions.

"I had a neighbor helping me with him when my husband came back," she said. "He had a big bottle of whiskey—an 80-cent bottle—and was very drunk. He did not like to hear the baby cry, so he hit me in the neck, and so he hit him on the neck. We sent for the police ambulance to take the baby to the hospital and then the police came back and arrested my husband. This time I want him punished."

Prosecuting Attorney William J. Hennessy said today that he does not recollect having heard any complaint from Mrs. Bruncker against her husband. The police records show that he has not been under arrest the last two years on any charge, at least under the name of Bruncker.

"Cases of domestic violence come in every month," said Hennessy. "Cases of wife-beating are given short shrift. We have no tolerance for wife-beaters. Often, however, the complainant, for one reason or another, refuses to swear to a warrant and to appear as complaining witness, with the result that our hands are tied. If Mrs. Bruncker has been here with a complaint, I do not remember it, and we have no record of cases that are not followed up."

Mrs. Bruncker was not told until late this forenoon that the child had died. She sent her oldest daughter

PEACE TERMS WILL BE CONSIDERED

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murdered and street fighting is under way.

The Bolsheviks continue to receive reinforcements and ammunition from Krasnovsk. The Cosacks are offering determined opposition to the Red Guard. The Siberian railway guards are outnumbered and are being killed or driven from their posts. Communication with Petrograd has been cut off.

Bolshevik uprisings have occurred at Tbilisi and Verkhne Ufaensk.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 31.—A violent explosion at Kronstadt, the chief fortress defending Petrograd, has completely wrecked one of the biggest forts and ammunition magazines, said a despatch from Haparanda today. A number of lives were reported lost.

Kronstadt is the main Russian naval base on the Baltic and the major part of the Russian fleet is in the harbor there.

Huns Renew Fierce Drive On Cambrai

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Hard fighting through the west of Cambrai has broken the lull on the British front, which lasted for more than a week.

Following the double thrust of the Germans between Marconis and Luvacquerie, the British hurled reserves forward in violent counter-attacks much were described today as despatches from that front as "successful."

In the mist of the Sunday dawn, the Germans attacked in mass formation, the troops plowing their way forward through deep mounds of snow. The assault, delivered in two directions against the British salient on Welsh Ridge, was evidently intended to wipe out this spur which extended into the German front. Both sides of the salient were attacked simultaneously in great force, while a weaker thrust was delivered against the apex.

North of the ridge, in the direction of the Boisocouille, and south of the ridge, the Germans pierced the first line, but before they could consolidate their position, the British counter-attacks turned a murderous fire upon them and when this let up the counter-attacks began.

(Welsh Ridge lies five miles southwest of Cambrai and just east of the Marconis-Gendouille road.)

Elsewhere on the western front, violent counter-attacks and raiding operations were reported.

General Allenby's victorious British army in the Holy Land has advanced nearly ten miles since Jerusalem was captured from the Turks on December 9, said a despatch from Cairo today.

The capture of the city was the result of the resistance of the Turks north of Jerusalem, they have again been forced back, losing three villages and a ridge.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 31.—Germany is preparing for open warfare again.

The United Press learned on highest authority today that since the middle of 1917 German gun factories have been busy turning out heavy guns designed specially for this sort of battle.

Information obtained from high sources shows that since the beginning of the war the Germans have practically quadrupled their heavy artillery. The average is now eight and a half batteries for each infantry division. The average total increase has been 40 batteries a month—and the majority of these are long-range guns.

COUNTY PAYS \$33,969.61 TO AID ORPHANS

The semi-annual report of C. A. Jackson, deputy county clerk in the department of widows' and orphans' aid, shows that the county has paid out during the past six months on account of orphans \$33,969.61, of which the state will refund \$21,901.12. The money was paid to 251 widows on account of 700 children, the total cost to the county being \$12,068.48.

During the previous six months the county received a refund from the state of \$22,423.16. The state allows the county \$8.33 for each orphan and \$2.27 for each half orphan. The county may, under the law, make an equivalent allowance.

LOWER CALIFORNIA MAY ASK U. S. AID

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Lower California planned to secede from Mexico and send a "diplomatic representative" to Washington were laughed at by American border officials.

COMES INTO OPEN WITH ANNOUNCEMENT

Colonel Cantu today came into the open with announcement of his plans to eventually secede from Mexico. The statement is not directly from the Mexican politician, but comes through Felix Sison, a Los Angeles man, who states he was advised that he is to be appointed diplomatic representative at Washington for Cantu and Lower California, and this, he believes, "foreshadows the secession of Lower California from Mexico."

This announcement comes within two weeks of the publication of an article on Cantu's plans for secession and ultimate rule of the Lower California peninsula to the United States.

That Carranza and the Mexican government is planning a checkmate of Cantu's moves is indicated in the quiet preparations to have strong military forces from the mainland located at strategic points on the peninsula.

Already a garrison of Carranza soldiers has been located at Magdalena, and another at Guadalupe, it is announced. This is said to be the reason for Cantu's reluctance to recognize fishing permits issued from the local Carranza consulate. These permits were until recently disregarded by Cantu, fishermen from this port having to pay the Cantu government when they sought a livelihood in the territorial waters of Lower California.

Cantu has granted many concessions to American capitalists for development work in Lower California, always holding one-third interest or more for himself.

INCOME IS CUT BY CLOSING OF BORDER

Since the closing of the border, Cantu's income has been cut to approximately the sum needed for paying his troops. A one at Mexicali, which netted him \$1000 a day, has been closed. The Tijuana race track failed to reopen. All other concessions which were made to pay by American visitors have been forced to shut up shop.

During December the generals in revolt against Carranza sent representatives to San Antonio, Texas for a conference. A Cantu emissary is said to have been seated there with Villa and Felix Diaz representatives.

HEYER AND COMMISSION IN DISPUTE

Disagreement between the County Institutions Commission and Supervisor Charles Heyer as chairman of the hospital commission, over the question of the payment of salaries to the members of the board of supervisors over the discharge of Lawrence Williams, baker, and Harry Connor, cook, at the county infirmary. A resolution had been prepared giving Williams two weeks vacation and appointing Lawrence Spore to the position as from January 1, and Sam Longshore, representing the commission had reported that an investigation had been made and the action of Superintendent Arthur M. Smith in discharging the men approved.

Object to jumping through this resolution declared Heyer. "I ask for further consideration. We asked the County Institutions Commission to investigate and file a report. No report has been filed, and here is this resolution virtually discharging Williams and putting another man in his place."

Supervisor Fred W. Foss supported Heyer in his position. "There was a quarrel between the two men over some scales," he said, "as understood it, Williams was beaten by Connor and received a black eye and a fractured rib. Dr. Smith felt that both of them should be discharged, although there has been no proof brought forward as to which was the aggressor. I believe that there is some fault on both sides in this matter, and that we should speak now."

TO HOLD CONFERENCE.

It was finally agreed that a conference over the matter be held between the supervisors and the County Institutions Commission, and the resolution giving Williams two weeks vacation was so amended that two salaries would not be paid during that period.

At the recommendation of the Institutions Commission, the salary of Dr. B. J. Cary as superintendent of the Arroyo Sanatorium was increased from \$200 to \$250 a month with full maintenance for himself and family, providing that he shall use his personal automobile and pay for its upkeep.

The following appointments for the Arroyo Sanatorium were approved. Louise Smith as chief cook at \$65 a month, Mrs. L. K. Lucan as housekeeper at \$45 a month, P. T. Rea as automobile driver at \$25 a month, E. McCormack as ward burn as nurse at \$75 a month, and Mrs. Conrad as ward attendant at \$35 a month. Dr. H. A. Wychoff was named as resident physician at the sanatorium at a salary of \$300 a month and maintenance. Earl L. Crum was named as pharmacist at \$200 a month and maintenance. The resignation of Dr. C. A. Mackey, who has received a commission in the medical reserve corps, was accepted and Dr. Lee E. Smith was appointed to his position as interne physician at the Emergency Hospital at a salary of \$100 a month.

SALARY INCREASED.

The salary of Joseph S. Fretz, assistant to the purchasing agent, was increased from \$125 a month to \$150. This was done to place him on the equality with others in the department.

The resignation of George H. Pierce as rodent exterminator was accepted and J. P. Nolan was appointed to the position at a salary of \$150 a month.

HAS NO ASSETS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—A petition in bankruptcy was filed by Theodore L. Le Clair Jr. of Piedmont in the Federal District Court today, with liabilities of \$4881 and no assets. The principal creditor is Edward L. Bacon & Co., with debts of \$4099.

LOSSES OF BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Britain's casualties for December were the lowest reported in any month since August, according to compilations made of the month's lists by the United Press today. They showed a total of 80,034 officers and men announced as killed, wounded and missing during the last month of the year.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Officers	1,147	2,801	482	4,430
Men	14,920	55,144	5,431	75,515
Totals	16,067	57,945	5,913	80,034

The figures for recent months have been: July, 11,899 killed, wounded and missing, officers and men; August, 66,373, September, 105,430; October, 83,558, November, 120,679.

The monthly lists do not necessarily mean killed, wounded and missing in that month alone; they cover all casualty lists issued during the period of the month. Some of these often refer to casualties several weeks past.

STEVEDORE KILLED

Caught by a traveling locomotive crane, Manuel Reposa, stevedore, an employee of the Edward E. Iron Estate Company, at the foot of Seventh avenue, was so badly crushed and mangled at 11 o'clock this morning that he died a few minutes after being taken to the Emergency hospital. The books of the company do not show the residence of the man, but it is said by fellow workers that he lived in East Oakland and has a family. He was about 40 years old.

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Bab Messes Up Actor's Chances in Latest Story With Marguerite Clark as First of Kinema Paramount Aircraft Pictures-Today



MARGUERITE CLARK APPEARS AT KINEMA THIS WEEK FOR FIRST TIME IN OAKLAND IN "BAB'S MATINEE IDOL."

First she wrote "Her Diary," then she had all sorts of experiences with "Her Burglar," and now she falls head over heels in love with Bab's Matinee Idol," and it's Marguerite Clark through and through. It might be her own life's history, so well does she fit these Bab parts. "Bab's Matinee Idol" is the first of the Kinema new Paramount Aircraft selection of pictures for from this week on the Kinema will show all of the Marguerite Clark, all of the Dug Fairbanks, all of the D. W. Griffith productions. So see Bab's Matinee, Dorothy Dalton, Jack Pickford, etc., etc., exclusively in Oakland.

NOT TO TOLERATE SUGAR HOARDING

That sugar hoarding will not be tolerated by the United States Food Administration for California, it was officially announced today.

The new regulations limiting purchases of sugar to five pounds per family and flour to 25 pounds per family at one time become effective tomorrow throughout the state. Retailers have been instructed to curtail their sales to these quantities. Farm consumers are allowed, however, a maximum of sugar and one hundred pounds of flour at one time.

Patrons who seek to evade the rule by making purchases from several different stores with a view to hoarding will be in danger of prosecution through a checking system inaugurated by the Food Administration by which retailers will be called upon to show their sales to inspectors.

Through an erroneous report that a sugar famine was threatened in the state, many persons thought to lay in supplies before the rule became effective, resulting, it was announced, in a run on sugar.

In addition to help unprofitable such action is absolutely unhelpful," said a Food Commissioner today. "California is not threatened with a sugar shortage, and is obtaining a larger supply than any other state in the country. The new regulations were promulgated through increased conservation and to promote a more equitable distribution."

The Jenkins School of Music

MRS. CORA W. JENKINS, Director

16 Randolph Ave., Oakland.

Will begin its 1918 department, THE REHEARSAL, on Jan. 1st. See Teachers' Training and Children's Classes will be opened during the last few weeks. Telephone Pleasent 2993.

AUTO PLUNGES; MAN IS KILLED

LIVERMORE, Dec. 31.—Slippery roads and a steep embankment today caused the death of Benjamin W. Lyons, 45, a wealthy Stockton resident, who succumbed to injuries received when a machine which he was driving turned turtle into a ravine ten miles east of this place. Daniel Conlon, also of Stockton, place was with Lyons, escaped injury.

According to the story told by Conlon, the two men were on their way home from San Francisco when Lyons turned aside to permit another machine to pass. Lyons' machine, which was a Buick, was on a ledge of the road and went off. The occupants of the other machine made no effort to go to the assistance of the injured man Conlon secured aid and medical attention, but Lyons died a few hours later without regaining consciousness.

HOTEL HARRISON GRILL
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New Year Dinner De Luxe \$1
Tuesday, January 1, 1918, 4-7-50 p. m.

APPETIZERS
Anchovy Croquettes

Bouillon to Cup SOUP
On Toast L'Amazulise

Celery Branches SALAD
Lime Olives

Shrimp Salad
Mayonnaise

SHRIMP
Respectable Water Ice

ENTREES
Apple Fritters, Wine Sauce
Revueltos, Lemon Sauce

ROAST
Fresh French Turkey, Celery Dressing
Cranberry Sauce

Roast Dressed Goose, Sweet Potatoes or Yams

VEGETABLE
Mashed Potatoes

DESSERT
Baked Plum Pudding, Hard and Brandied Fruit

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We Wish You All

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

We take this opportunity to renew our pledge of faithful service for the coming year. We will strive to the utmost to keep down rising retail prices and give you the benefit of the savings in the selling prices.

Great White Sales now in progress

WHITTHORNE & SWAN

Washington Street at Eleventh

Aviator Writes Vivid Tale From Front

Guy C. Earl Jr. Tells of War Scenes

lights went out, and they told us they had just received a warning 20 minutes away, 20 minutes flying, that is that there was an enemy air raid coming. While the town was within a range of flight, it was not seen by the enemy. The danger of the war, since little of importance is there. No sooner as the message received than a train of Archies drew in and unburied the town. The town was not hit, but bombed. The bombardiers must have been going somewhere else. It seems too good that we could not have seen it, for it is the work we are specializing upon.

"Among the allies, Italy undoubtedly stands foremost in aviation. She is the foremost in the air. She is better than the French or Eng-

Her engines are about the equal of England's and I think superior to them. The joy of the place is surprising and she is improving all the time, and her new machines are wonderful.

On October 10, 1917, "A" student here starts in with a "joy ride" that is being taken a passenger at a time. The student is the joy rider and the instructor. After this, at the next flying hour he is taken up in a double engine machine. The machine means that the seats are ahead of the plane itself. The student sits in the front seat and the instructor in the rear with his controls and also the engine controls. The front seat gives the person riding in it no part of the controls. The instructor and part of the plane it is necessary to turn around. Thus one flies there mostly as a passenger with no other guide as the single one is at the controls.

STUDENT IN CONTROL.

"From the first ride on the student has control of the machine, except for the engine controls. The instructor is in the air the controls are worked by the student, under the instruction of the instructor. The instructor is in the student's shoulders, pressing as to the direction and amount of controls. More freedom is given until while the student is in the air the instructor is in the background." (Copyright 1917, United States Army.)

"It is easier to fly here, because one does not have to make as many corrections as in more open areas. What is happening, and then there are dials, etc., to look at, and, most importantly, the instructor is in front of it and he can help you if you get lost." "The landings and the go-aways are made up made with the corrections of the instructor. When you take off, you are told where the controls are held up and moved in the direction he gives; correction to be made. When one graduates to solo, The student goes first at about 20 or 20 feet, and then five of these merely to gain confidence. Then on circles and short descents and attitudes are taken, until the student wants to take longer flights and simple stunts are done, and the second circuit is finished. Then the third circuit is flown before graduation."

"We all went on to the back seat at our

with lesson. In that we are somewhat in need of most of the rest. It is customary to take about 23 nights—about 230 minutes—before solo. Our line—or class—hope to be on solo before the 26th, and at the present time it looks as if we would get there about then. We are unusually fortunate in having a man who has the reputation of being the best instructor here, and of being able to take about 20 minutes of bad man material. So far there have been no accidents whatever and no breakage of unusual or unusual expense."

TO PAY FOR SUIT

The former paperer's decision recently handed down by the Supreme Court, by which a litigant without means to pay the court costs can have them paid by the county if his claim is bonafide, has been evoked by Rasmus H. Albertson in a suit to recover thirty-five acres of land which he alleges he deeded in trust to M. MacFarlane in 1913 in consideration of a loan of \$1245, the balance of \$2000 to be paid in the event of a purchaser being found, for MacFarlane bought it himself, he was to pay \$1245 with interest. It is alleged that in the event of no sale or purchase by MacFarlane, the

property was to be restored on re-payment of the loan.

Albertson claims that no effort to sell or buy has been made by MacFarlane and that he refuses to make restitution. It is claimed that the earnings have amounted to \$7000; an accounting of which is demanded.

WALLISER TO WED

The first New Year wedding in east Bay society will be that of Miss Ellis

WILLIS of Vallejo and Alfred C. Walliser, son of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Walliser of Vallejo, were married at the residence of the groom's mother, Mrs. J. J. Walliser, at 5:30 o'clock in the church of the Ascension in Vallejo. Rev. Barrett, rector of the church, will deliver the Episcopal service.

Mrs. Willis is the daughter of Mr. J. J. Walliser and Mrs. Willis of Vallejo. Her father is connected with the paymaster's department.

Alfred Walliser received his education in local schools and is now oriental agent for the J. J. Walliser Company of San Francisco. He resides in Japan or elsewhere the greater part of the year and recently came to California to claim his bride. He will take his bride back to the Orient, the first time where they are to make their home.

It was announced at the same time that a field force of nearly 400 income tax agents had graduated from the revenue school in the San Francisco Custom House building and would be scattered through the states at once.

ZONE IS MARKED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21. — "All enemies, stop! You must go no further


**BACK
YARD
POULTRY**

is not a convenience—it is a duty. And every householder who does his part in helping to solve food problems saves money at the same time.

For good layers see the Breeders' Ads in the Sunday Tribune. "Poultry." Col.

"MME. H." SOUGHT NEAR RICHMOND

Federal search for the mysterious Madame "H." believed to be the head of the German spy system in the United States, turned to Richmond today, when Mrs. Frieda Soder, proprietor of a confectionery store was questioned.

The local angle to the affair was given through certain information which Federal and State agents obtained at Los Angeles, where valuable clues were obtained in foorthill cabins, that connected Schultenber, Madame "H." John Knox Portwood, and a flinger named Herman Jankowski, known locally as "Doc" "The Knux" Portwood, as he is known, is being held for the crime.

Mrs. Soder's identity was learned

through data obtained in the murder investigation. She formerly conducted a confectionery stand at Camp Rincon, a summer resort which Schulenberg is said to have frequented while living at his

To have frequented, while living at the mountain cabin, near the southern city. There is no longer any doubt in the minds of the authorities, but that the mysterious Madame "H" was the woman who accompanied Schulenberg on his trips to the mountain rendezvous.

Portwood has identified photographs of Schulenberg as the man with whom he worked at the cabins. Last Sunday, the

woman's trail led to within fifty miles of Portland Oregon. Today, like a will-o-the-wisp, it veers back again to California, with Richmond as the active point.

Miss Beebe Bean, arrested at Seal Beach, while masquerading as a man, and at first thought to be the mysterious Madame "H," has been released by the authorities. They have definitely satisfied themselves, they declare, that she

was in no way connected with the plotters.

indigity at Richmond developed, but the Mrs. Soborn was well known there. The secret service located her through exact information as to her whereabouts, which was not in the possession of the local authorities.

WOMAN BANKRUPT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Miss Ivy McIntosh of Oakland filed a petition in absolute bankruptcy in the Federal District Court today, listing liabilities at \$973, with no assets. The principal creditor is the Notre Dame College of San Francisco, with a debt of \$400 for tuition.

tion given Mrs. McIntosh's two daughters in 1914 to 1916.

TAKES OWN LIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31. — Simon H. Seiling, 50 years of age, associated with the undertaking firm of N. Gray & Co., 2193 Geary street, committed suicide by gas in his apartment at 2557 Geary street, this morning. Seiling was unmarried and no reason is known for his action. He left a note asking that the Gray company take charge of his remains.

MONEY SAVED
on autos, touring cars, runabouts.

trucks. See Want Ads.

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New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve
Saturday Night

**Saturday Night
Schedule in effect
Tonight**

Last boat leaves 1:20 a. m.
1:20 A. M. boat will make
connection with 16th St.
line, Alameda Horse-Shoe
will run to Fruitvale only,
connecting with 12:20 A. M.
and 1:20 A. M. boats.
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R. R. BOARD IS CHANGING ALL ROUTING

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Reorganization of transportation schedules, rearrangement of passenger service for the avoidance of paralleling trains and the determination of new schedules that shall meet the demands of the federal government for the greatest economy and efficiency are being considered today by the Railroad War Board of the Western Department of the Southern Pacific, president of the Southern Pacific, is chairman. The traffic is being changed somewhat along these lines.

Schedules will give each line a portion of the entire traffic. Competition in freight hauling will cease. Freight will be routed by the most direct route, and will not bear upon individual roads.

Train service will be cut to the minimum for passenger service. Parallel lines will abandon competitive service and agree upon a common schedule.

TO USE BEST ROUTE. In a formal statement issued by the Railroad War Board, the situation is thus discussed:

"The question of what route the shipper prefers his freight to take will be subordinate to the question of what route can best be used by the railroad as a national system in carrying out the national purpose of adapting service to the wants of the people as a whole and primarily to the purposes of war."

"The public will probably find it no easy matter to change its attitude of mind suddenly from the basis of intense competition under individual control to the new condition of co-operation under government control. Under the new condition each question is to be submitted to the test of what will bring the service within the needs of the nation."

Seaside William Fox, the war board for the Western Department consists of J. D. Farrell, president of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company; L. C. Gilman, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad; R. S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific system executive committee; C. M. Levey, president of the Western Pacific, and E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company.

No eastbound freight will be received by the Southern Pacific for the Sunset-Gulf route until further notice, according to C. W. Luce, freight traffic manager. The embargo went into effect last night at 12 o'clock. The embargo is general except for shipments consigned to agents of the United States government. Materials of war and such other shipments for the government as steamship lines authorize connecting rail lines to accept. Restricted cargo facilities by way of Galveston are responsible for the order.

INTERN GERMANS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Commissioner of Immigration Edward White announced this morning that 450 interned Germans now being held at the quarantine station who arrived on the United States transport Sherman two weeks ago are to be shipped to a detention camp at Hot Springs, N. C. These Germans, consisting of 162 officers, 250 sailors, 30 women and children were taken from German ships in the Manila harbor at the outbreak of the war.

Blue Bird Bureau

Acknowledgment has not previously been made of the gift of a little "Blue Bird Blunder Bank" which was brought to the Blue Bird Bureau on Christmas eve. The inscription which had been pasted on it, giving a schedule of pen-

alties, or advice to the sinner as to how he could save his uneasy conscience by dropping a penny, a nickel or a dime in the little tin can with a slit in the top, had been removed. It is impossible to tell how long the defense brought the two quarters the bank contained. There were many dimes and nickels and pennies and the bank contained \$1.80 in all.

The Blue Bird Bureau received a letter containing \$10 this morning to be added to the shoe fund. The need of shoes in the winter for school children is one of the most serious difficulties of families in straitened circumstances, and

not helped. And they certainly enjoyed it, as I did, too, seeing them so happy, as seen from the east, it is related to it in the same way as the moon when full. Hence the astronomer calls that relation an opposition.

Predicts Storms For January Rains Will Offset Dry Spell

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, Dec. 31.—The following predictions on the weather for the month of January has been prepared expressly for The OAKLAND TRIBUNE by Rev. J. S. Ricard, astronomer of the University of Santa Clara, and is based upon the observation of sun-spot conditions:

(By REV. J. S. RICARD, S. J.)

THE JANUARY WEATHER.

The lack of rainfall in Central and Southern California during November and December has been somewhat disappointing and caused no little anxiety about the crops of 1918. Not that the storm dates for those months have not been verified, but that the areas of high pressure have been successively occupying these grounds and the storms well kept away to the north. But hope deferred is not lost. A change for the better seems to be on. Some black storms will develop during January, February and March to make up for the deficiency. Moreover, much ploughing has gone on independently of weather conditions and seeding can now proceed as rapidly as possible.

The sunspot storm dates for January and the early part of February stand as follows:

Stormy waves—January 2, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 21, 25, 29, February 1, 5, 9.

It is expected that rather severe storms will set in on January 7, 21, 25, 29, February 1, 4.

High pressure waves—The dates for entrance upon the coast of cold waves and counter-storms have been scheduled according to the following order, almost the same as above, but on different parts of the coast, and when the storm is south and conversely: January 3, 6, 9, 12, 17, 21, 25, 29, February 1, 5, 9.

There will be greater intensity in those of January 2, 17, 21, 25, 31.

Mercury crosses into the realm of evening variability on January 4, 9, 12, 17, 21, 25, 29, March 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31.

Venus remains in full blaze in the western sky, reaching inferior conjunction on February 5.

Mars is yet a morning object to remain such throughout the month. The point of chief interest about Mars is that it keeps approaching the earth with great

PLEA MADE FOR MUSIC FREEDOM

More than one hundred music teachers of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, San Francisco, San Jose and Sacramento attended the banquet in the Hotel Claremont Saturday night, which marked the conclusion of the first district conference of the northern branches of the California Music Teachers' Association. L. E. Behr, of Los Angeles, was a guest of honor and in his after-dinner address made an eloquent plea for the freedom of music from Chauvinism.

Noel Jacks, who is in charge of the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Fremont, told of the importance of music as an antidote for homesickness among the drafted men. Among the other speakers were Sir Henry Heyman, George Kruger, Samuel Savannah acted as the toastmaster of the evening.

At the afternoon session the following musical program was given, in addition to talks by Richard R. Perkins, George Kruger and Elizabeth Simpson:

Large from Fifth Symphony.....Dvorak
Pellegrino Suite.....Debussy
Pacific Piano Quartet—Mrs. J. I. De Valle, Gertrude Livingston, Jennie Rosenberg and Marguerite Dorch.
Etude Op. 25 No. 1.....Chopin
Polonaise in E Minor.....MacDowell
Mrs. Marion Veck.
Si les fleurs avaient des yeux.....Massenet
L'oiseau bleu.....Debussy
Sasaran Rose.....Ardit
Rose Reida Calileau.
Etude Op. 10, No. 7.....Chopin
Etude Op. 10, No. 2.....Chopin
Nocturne Op. 15, No. 2.....Chopin
George Kruger.
Aria from Eugene Onegin.....Tchaikovsky
Viens pres de moi.....Brahms
A Southern Night.....Rimsky-Korsakov
Morning.....Bachmann
Hymn of Free Russia.....Gretschinoff
Marion Veck.
Impressions fausses.....Poldowski
Cortez.....Poldowski
Les oiseaux.....Poldowski
Seraglio Garden.....Siegfried
Matinata.....Tosti
Marion Holmes Nash.

CROCKER OFFICER

Commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy, Charles Templeton Crocker, millionaire resident and trustee of Hillsborough, whose home on the Hillsborough Uplands is considered one of the finest in the country, has gone to New York to enter the service. Although over the draft age, Crocker says he feels it was his patriotic duty to enlist. He will be stationed in Atlantic waters, and Mrs. Crocker has announced that she will make her home in New York in order to be near him.

Ensign Crocker was the author of the last Bohemian jinks play, "The Land of Happiness," a piece that marked his debut as a playwright. With the completion of the play he announced that he would devote his time to writing, and it is anticipated that the service will provide him with material.

NAME MEDIATOR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The Secretary of Labor, William Wilson, has appointed Chief Deputy Immigration Commissioner William T. Boyce as a representative of the President's mediation commission to settle the strike of 1800 employees of the Hercules Powder Company at Chula Vista, near San Diego. This is one of the largest powder plants on the Pacific Coast and has been working night and day on government contracts. Boyce will arrive in Chula Vista today.

ENGINES WRECKED

TROY, Mont., Dec. 31.—Engineer J. O. Luier was killed and his fireman, Steve Harris, was badly scalded about the face when two engines pulling an eastbound Great Northern freight train went through a bridge over Calahoun creek, near here, yesterday. The crew of the second engine escaped with minor injuries. The bridge had been weakened by floods.

MOTHER DEFENDS GIRL PRISONER

Declarations by Federal officers that Miss Theodore Pollok, social worker and labor student of the east-bay district, at present under arrest as an officer of the International Workers' Defense League in San Francisco, forms one of the connecting links between I. W. W. activities and the dynamiting of Governor Stephens' home, has brought Mrs. Anna C. Pollok, the prisoner's mother, into the case in her defense.

Mrs. Pollok, while refusing to discuss the dynamiting of Governor Stephens' mansion, declared that she and her daughter had been working for social uplift, but that neither of them had done anything wrong. She also declared that they had gone into the labor movement for the same purpose.

FIND EVIDENCE.

Miss Pollok was arrested along with Albert L. Fox Saturday night. She was suspected of connections with certain of the fifty-one I. W. W.'s under arrest in Sacramento for alleged participation in the dynamite outrage. Papers found on the woman and Fox, according to United States Marshall James B. Holohan, prove their I. W. W. connections.

Refusal to an appeal which was to be made to "workers" of the world, through a delegate "of a syndicalist union" on board the steamer Rembrandt, caused a study of the passenger list of the vessel which arrived at San Francisco ten days ago from Batavia, Dutch East Indies. The letter was signed "B. Sasmore." The woman also carried a copy of a telegram to E. S. Doree of Chicago, national secretary of the I. W. W.

"SILENT" JURY.

Miss Pollok has also been identified as a member of the "silent jury" which sat through the trials of George W. Speed and other I. W. W.'s who sought extradition to Chicago, where they were to stand trial before the Federal courts on I. W. W. charges.

Fox had invitations to a dance that read as follows:

"Celebrate the blasted frame-up by going to the Astor dance for the benefit of the Sacramento bomb defendants, January 12, 1918. Women's auxiliary to the I. W. W. Defense League."

A letter from Mrs. Emma B. Little of Fresno, sister-in-law of Frank Little, who was lynched in Butte, to Miss Pollok, said:

"The boys in jail want the I. W. W. paper and the latest 'History and Structure' of the I. W. W. I think it is by St. John. Also suggest that you send the latest pamphlets on sabotage."

HOUSE WILL BE ALMOST FIFTY-FIFTY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—How close the political balance in the House will be when Congress reconvenes on January 3 is shown by the summary made by South Trimble, clerk of the House:

Total membership, 435; Democrats, 211; Republicans, 209; Independent group, 6; vacancies, 9.

The vacancies are by resignations of Representatives Fitzgerald, Griffin and Bruckner, of New York, and Adamson, of Georgia; deaths of Representatives Bathurst, Ohio, and Martin, New York; and by the resignation of Representative Johnson, South Dakota; Laguardia, New York, and Heintz, Ohio.

SHOOT OUT LIGHTS

Young Americans, imbued with the war spirit and armed with Christmas air guns have raised havoc with street lights in many parts of the city, according to Carl E. Harby, city electrician, in a report to Commissioner Jackson today. Street lamps have been made targets by the youths and several hundred have had to be replaced within the last few days. Patrolmen on the beats have been instructed to be on the alert for the youngsters, who will be severely dealt with if they are caught.

FLOODS IN NORTH BLOCK RAILROADS

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Main lines of all transcontinental railroads operating to western Washington today are out of commission because of floods. The only route open for traffic between the coast and the east is via a single track south from Tacoma to Vancouver, Wash., and thence to Spokane by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle line.

Mails for northern Washington points are handled by boat. The Northern Pacific has lost 2500 feet of track and bridges south of Snohomish, Wash. Both the Northern Pacific and Milwaukee systems are having a struggle in the Kittitas valley, where bridges and tracks have been washed away. The Yakima river has been playing havoc with rail lines. At some places the river is two miles wide and flowing like a mill race. It is expected it will be a week before regular traffic can be resumed over these lines.

On the Great Northern several bridges have been washed out between Everett

JOHN TAIT IN SMASH SERIES; FOG IS BLAMED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—John Tait, owner of the Tait-Zinkand Cafe, 168 O'Farrell street, went out for a peaceful ride yesterday evening. By midnight he had collided with a jitney bus, smashed into a telephone pole, shattered the entrance to a saloon and wound up in jail with a charge of battery against his name.

According to the police, Tait was traveling fifty miles an hour when he hit the bus driven by Trueman Denman, 25 Academy street, at Ellis and Fillmore streets. Tait's machine glanced off the bus, collided with a pole on the sidewalk and telescoped with a saloon front. Alvin Tena, 625 Baker street, an occupant of the jitney bus, was out by flying glass.

With Tait were Joseph Watts of the United Railroad Mrs. Watts, H. W. Bishop of 85 Bush street and Harry Thurling, his chauffeur. The police declare Tait was driving. The bus was turned over. Tait declared after the accident that the fog was responsible and that the two machines hit with only "slight force."

and the crest of the Cascades, completely blocking that line.

OLD YEAR WILL GET SEND-OFF

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Under the direction of Alexander Stewart of Oakland a monster musical program in which famous singers, a symphony orchestra, military bands, the Exposition chorus and singers from various choirs will participate, will tonight mark the passing of the old year. Soldiers and sailors will be special guests of the evening. The affair will take place in the Municipal Auditorium.

Among the stars will be Mme. Esch, the Fallster, Mme. Jeanne Gustine, Ferrier, Mme. Helen Harbutt, End, and many others. Agnes Mahr will do her famous "Tommy Atkins" dance, and there will be seven ballets. The Auditorium will be opened at 8:30 and the program will start at 7:30 sharp.

VETERAN IS DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—General Anson George McCook, 52, veteran of the Civil War, is dead here.

The New Year

The year of 1917 goes down in history as the year of the declaration of war by our country against Germany and Austria in order, as our President has stated, that "the world may be made safe for democracy." His phrase takes its place as a fitting sequence in this great crisis in American history to the immortal words of Lincoln, that "government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

To this organization these declarations of war do not represent a disaster, but on the contrary carry a halo of a most righteous cause, which will knit our people into a band of brothers and patriots and leave the imprint of our lofty purpose on every country on the globe.

1918 comes in with the stars of Old Glory raised as the star of hope and promise of the added strength of our mighty right arm to the world's democracies in the cause of right and freedom.

It is the part of a patriot to do the things he is called upon to do, whether it be to shoulder a gun as a private or lead a division as a general—to drive a delivery wagon or manage a business.

Our country is girding up its loins for Armageddon and we have faith that the call will find none of its wanting—man, woman or child—but all ready to do their duty, whatever that duty may be.

As a business organization we shall endeavor to measure up the coming year to our own standards and to the full expectancy of the community. It is our earnest wish to go forward with the community in helping in whatsoever way we can to achieve the purposes and ideals of the nation.

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New Year's Sale of Good Groceries Pure Teas and Coffees Monday, Wednesday, Thursday STORE CLOSED TUESDAY

KONA COFFEE		TEA SALE	
Hawaiian Beauty—	30c	All 60c lb.	55c
Regular 35c lb.		Teas	
CRESCENT BLEND		BEE BRAND TEA	
Our popular 25c lb.		15c quality, regularly	70c
Coffee—extra value—	22c	15c lb now	

6-lb. Box Cluster Raisins and Figs \$1.75 and \$1.85
A Very Acceptable New Year Gift in Any Home.

Atmore's Mince Meat

Special—5-lb. pail \$1.20

FRUIT CAKE

1-lb. can—delicious 75c

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Babbitt's 6 cakes 55c

Box of 100 \$5.75

PRUNES

California, 50 to 60s, 4 lbs. 50c

Fresh stock, 60 to 70s, 4 1/2 lbs. 50c

SALE OF NEW CANNED VEGETABLES

ASPARAGUS	PEAS	TOMATOES
Green, large can, 25c	World 25c	Solid Pack, No. 3
6 cans \$1.40	6 cans \$1.35	can 17 1/2c
White, large can, 35c	Sea Foam 21c	6 cans \$1.00
6 cans \$2.00	Alcalde 19c	Extra Standard 15c
Tips 20c	6 cans \$1.10	6 cans 85c
6 cans \$1.10	Gold Bow 17c	Tomato Spanish, for
	6 cans 85c	saucers, 1c; dz. 80c;
		large size, doz., \$1

COFFEE PERCOLATORS for the table nickel-plated, 1-3 OFF

MATCHES	California Olive Oil
Vulcan Paraffine, 65s, pkg. 10c	Sierra Madre—will be higher—
Vulcan Paraffine, 60s, pk. 12 1/2c	Doz., large size, \$1; bottle, 85c;
Safety, 60s, doz. \$1.15; pkg. 10c	1/2-gal. can, \$2.00; gal. can, \$4.00.
These are the best matches made.	

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CENSORSHIP RULES ARE REMODELED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—For the better protection of the military forces of the country against dissemination of information that would aid the enemy, the committee on public information has issued a complete new series of rules to be observed by the military forces of the country.

- 1.—Advance information of the routes and schedules of troop movements.
- 2.—Information tending to disclose the number of troops in the expeditionary forces abroad.
- 3.—Information calculated to disclose location of the permanent base or bases abroad.
- 4.—Information that would disclose the location of American units or the eventual position of the American forces at the front.
- 5.—Information tending to disclose an eventual or actual port of embarkation, or information of the movement of military forces toward seaports or of the assembling of military forces at seaports from which interference might be drawn or any intention to embark there for service abroad and information of the assembling of transports or convoys and information of the embarkation itself.
- 6.—Information of the arrival at any European port of American war vessels, transports, or any portion of any expeditionary forces, combatant or non-combatant.
- 7.—Information of the time of departure of merchant ships from American or European ports or information of the ports from which they sailed, or information of their cargoes.
- 8.—Information indicating the port of arrival of incoming ships from European ports or information of the ship arriving.
- 9.—Information as to convoys and as to the sighting of friendly or enemy ships, whether naval or merchant, indicating or hinting at the port at which the ship arrived.
- 10.—Information of the locality, number, identity of vessels belonging to our own navy or to the navies of any country at war with Germany.
- 11.—Information of the coasting or aircraft defense of the United States. Any information of their existence, as well as the number, nature or position of their guns, is dangerous.
- 12.—Information of the laying of mines or mine fields or of any harbor defenses.
- 13.—Information of the aircraft and apparatus used at government aviation schools for experimental tests under military authority, and information of contracts and production of air material.
- 14.—Information tending to disclose the numbers and organization of the air division, excepting when authorized by the committee on public information.
- 15.—Information of secret notices issued to marines or other confidential instructions by the Navy or the Department of Commerce relating to lights, lightships, buoys or other guides to navigation.
- 16.—Information as to the number, size, character or location of ships of the navy ordered laid down at any port or shipyard or in actual process of construction or information that they are launched or in commission.
- 17.—Information of the train or boat schedules of traveling official missions in transit through the United States.
- 18.—Information of the transportation of munitions or of war material. Photographs conveying any of the information specified should not be published.

These rules go into effect on January 1. Many chapters of the old rules are eliminated entirely. "Information tending to disclose the names of line officers in expeditionary forces and reference to individual units of these forces. Only names of staff officers are permissible."

"Information of the identities of American merchant ships defending themselves against submarines and the identities of their captains, their gun crews and their crews. No matter from which side of the ocean comes the news, it is asked that this information be withheld from publication. Editors will appreciate the importance of co-operation to withhold from the enemy such information as might expose the officers and men of merchant ships to the danger of cruel and outrageous reprisals."

"Information relating to drydocks and to all classes of work, repairs, alterations, or construction performed in connection therewith."

The committee points out that it is a matter of little consequence how widely military information may be known within the borders of the country. The printed page affords a safe method of communicating by the enemy agent, whereas other agencies do not.

Flame at Macdonough

WAR PICTURES FOLLOW "FLAME" AT MACDONOUGH

Tonight, New Year's eve, will witness the last performance of "The Flame" at the Macdonough. Few shows during the past season have enjoyed the success that has been the good fortune of "The Flame" during its week's stay in Oakland.

One of the unusual effects found in "The Flame" is that the author-producer calls the vanishing perspective. In order to gain this effect of distance as seen in the tropics, fully experienced for months with lights and specially constructed models in his studio in New York, he finally got his results by placing a high dill at one side of the stage, a lower building at the other and gradually raising the building down to the back of the stage into a V through which the blue Caribbean was glimpsed. The effect obtained is said to be one of the most realistic ever seen on the stage.

Extraordinary pictures of the war are shown at the Macdonough theater for six afternoons and evenings commencing tomorrow. These are the official French government pictures taken under the direction of the general staff of the French army, and to be held as a part of the archives of the government as matter of recording the activities of the army and the valor of its soldiers.

"TOO MANY COOKS" BISHOP ATTRACTION

The Bishop playhouse will offer Crane Wilbur in "Too Many Cooks" as their attraction for New Year's week, starting this afternoon. It is a merry little comedy that should fit in nicely with the holiday festivities, and the Bishop management promises a cast and production that will do the famous laugh maker full justice.

"Too Many Cooks" is the comedy that illustrates the experience of a young man employed in the city who undertakes to build a home in the country as a preliminary step to marriage. The plot is viewed with such cordiality by his own relatives and those of his prospective bride that the engaged couple find themselves in many complications. The comedy usually commences with the inexperienced home builders, and there are troubles a-plenty and prolonged before the devotee finally is convinced.

Crane Wilbur will be seen as Albert Bennett, the young city man who desires to build his bachelor home in the country, and Miss Jane O'Hara will be Alice Cook, the girl he is building it for. Ben Erway and Eleanor Parker appear as the two friends of the engaged couple, and most of the other favorites of the company are to be seen as various members of the Cook family—relatives of the bride-to-be which gives the play its title.

There will be a special holiday matinee of "Too Many Cooks" on Tuesday, New Year's day, as well as the regular Wednesday, Sunday and Saturday matinees.

"ETERNAL TEMPTRESS" NEW T. & D. THRILLER

Reinforced by the glorious beauty of the new "Eternal Temptress," the picture of Lana Cavallera, "The Eternal Temptress," shown for the first time in the United States at the T. & D. yesterday, is one of the greatest motion picture sensations of the year. For gorgeous gowns and precious jewels it is doubtless the most magnificent picture attempted to surpass the display shown in this feature. The program, which depicts the life of a woman who is tempted to the T. & D. in "Zollenstein" in which the screen stars Vola Vale and Monroe Salisbury appear.

Lana Cavallera, who appeared as a singer, prima donna and Europe's most beautiful woman, has the role of Cordelia Sanzo, a widow and model street in "The Eternal Temptress." The story deals with the rise of an Austrian diplomat to secure papers involving Italy's position in the present war.

The T. & D. quartet continues as an attraction in operatic and symphonic vocal numbers. A Pathe news picture, and a comedy complete the second week's holiday program.

"BAB'S MATINEE IDOL" AT THE KINEMA

Bab and her bubbling enthusiasm are the first of the Paramount picture to be shown at the Kinema. For this week sees this theater showing the first of the "Bab's Matinee Idol" series. "Bab's Matinee Idol" for its first showing in Oakland, Hencforth will show the complete series of "Bab's Matinee Idol" pictures. Some of the stars, Dorothy Dalton, etc., plays will be shown at the Kinema exclusively.

In this play Bab has a violent case on an actor, and in the bubbling innocent enthusiasm proceeds to make a success of his failing show by working up a wonderful advertising scheme, which, of course, goes wrong, gets the actor in all wrong, gains a world of publicity, not only for her family, but for her sister's love affair and ruins her own romance.

It is the cleverest of the "Bab's Matinee Idol" series, which have been appearing in the Saturday Evening Post, and is undoubtedly the last to appear in film form, as the next "Bab's Matinee Idol" is "Seven Swans," which will be shown at the Kinema in a couple of weeks.

"MIDNIGHT FOLLIES" IS PANTAGES FEATURE

Most original entertainment will be offered tonight at Pantages theater, after the regular show. This vaudeville bill will include unusual vaudeville acts.

The regular Pantages show, which opened yesterday, is one of the best that ever toured the coast. The Hong Kong Allocations, featuring Neek Suen, a marvelous musician, is the headline act on the bill. Neek Suen performs all of the regular acts of legerdemain and then offers his own invention, in which a flock of ducks mysteriously appear and disappear at will.

Victor Martin and Maud Florence open the bill with a different sort of a juggling act, which includes a variety of stunts and a distinct atmosphere of class pervading it.

The Scotch entertainer, an old friend to Pantages audiences and one of the best entertainers before the vaudeville audience, will be seen in his place offer a different singing and talking act that is filled with new ideas, new laughs and new music.

The final act of "The Fighting Trail" completes the bill.

"JIGGS IN SOCIETY" AT THE COLUMBIA

"Jiggs," hero of millions who have watched his adventures in the "Princeton" cartoons, made his first appearance on the local boards last night in the person of James Post, peer of Irish comedians, at the Columbia theater. "Jiggs in Society" is a new comedy presented to capacity houses throughout the day.

The new play comes from the pen of Post himself. Francis Young assisted Post in the heavy comedy, work as Abe Rubenstein.

The play contained a score of good parts and countless laughable situations. Reece Gardner has a good part and carried himself with his customary ease. Others who scored were Miss Hill, Alice Lewis and Buster Lorenzo.

Miss Hill, who made her debut as a leading woman, was a member of the original Kobb and Hill company, and her work was finished and clever. Mary Logan, chorus leader, is also good.

Some of the songs were "John of Arc," by Buster Lorenzo; a duet by Miss Lewis and Gardner; "Faugh a Balm," by Gardner; a duo by Lorenzo and Frank Budd; "Goodbye, My Love," by Miss Lewis; and "All Round Round With Mason Dixie Line," by Miss Hill.

Announcement was made that the regular Columbia Store will be held on Wednesday evening. The amateur contest will be held on Thursday and on Friday evening the chorus girls will have their final contest. A brand new show is promised for next Sunday afternoon.

"CLEAN HANDS" DRAWS WELL AT HIPPODROME

Walter Rivers, former newspaper man and player, as the hero of "Clean Hands," drew one of the biggest houses on record to the Hippodrome theater last evening while the Hippodrome Players interpreted the roles written by him in his latest four-act drama, "Clean Hands." The audience seemed to agree.

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"A GAME OF WITS" ONE AMERICAN FEATURE

Gail Kane in "A Game of Wits" and Emily Stevens in "Outwitted" are the stars of the American theater. "A Game of Wits" is a brilliant production, the themes of which include love, romance, revenge, and the cunning and the skill of women. Both pictures are well seasoned with brilliant society scenes and settings.

John Wherry Lewis and his orchestra provides distinctive musical accompaniment for the pictures, as well as giving an unexcelled performance of a week with a special performance this evening.

Gail Kane in "A Game of Wits" obeys her father's desire that she should accept the attention of a suitor three her age for financial reasons for an old man's daughter, and how effervescent youth outdoes age is demonstrated most ably by the brilliant star. One of the highlights of the production is the scene of the wonderful sunset in the Ozarks with towering peaks, outlined black as ink, against the crimson sky and the turquoise clouds at the approach of the country mansion of her suitor. Flashes of high life where the smartest frocks of the women and modish robes of the men gives the picture the atmosphere of the last word in social elegance.

A next scene shows the cunning of a wounded woman, her furious determination for revenge and for her birthright of true happiness lead Emily Stevens in "Outwitted" through a series of cleverly contrived scenes until the object of her hate is defeated and crushed.

"GIFT O' GAB" IS FRANKLIN THRILLER

Today and tomorrow the Franklin theater is offering Jack Cagney in "Gift O' Gab," the story of Tom Bain, a young college man who had an ambition to be an inventor. He was also blessed with an unheard of agility of the tongue, and after he had invented a tunneling machine which was a failure, he used this "Gift O' Gab" to sell his invention to railroad magnate. But the firm soon learned that the value of the machine rested solely in Tom's ability to talk about it. However, Tom's "Gift O' Gab" was appreciated and he is given a position as a salesman.

While at college Tom had fallen in love with a beautiful girl, but his parents would not hear of a marriage so long as Tom had no prospects toward making his fortune. He was so sure of himself as he learned that he had gotten a good job he rushed post haste to find the girl he loved so that he could make her his wife without more delay.

Part of the story that Tom proves to the audience that his tongue is not the only thing he has. The daredevil stunts and the novel situations in which Tom and his girl are placed will both interest and amuse the young as well as the old.

On the same program Claire McDowell will be seen in "The Ship of Doom." This story is in plot to "The Sea Wolf" by Jack London, and is sure to appeal to the hosts of London's readers. The new Franklin orchestra, under the direction of Ralph D. Wetmore, will present a score of music especially suited to both of these pictures.

KILLS WIFE, BABY

McLAIN, Okla., Dec. 31.—According to local authorities who returned today from the farm of Charles E. Logan, near here, fear of being drafted caused Logan to kill his wife and baby as they slept, set fire to the house and then cut his own throat.

Officers claim Logan died kneeling beside his wife and in his hand, it is said, were found charred bits of his questionnaire.

MIGHT GLAD TO BE IN OAKLAND

BY JACK WYATT

Tae the gold people o' Oakland, greet in!

Well, folks, A'm back w' ye again after a lang absence but A'm no tellin' ye one when A say the A'm mickly glad tae be in Oakland at this time o' the year because A ken a lot o' folks here. A'm goin' tae hae a grand time ower New Year's. It's a lang time since A seen Broadway afore but when A made ma bookin' for this winter A fixed in sae as A could see here for a ho-manay.

A brocht back w' me a ma Scotch laide and laides w' will be lookin' for ye at the Orpheum this mornin'. In addition tae the eneels anu issues A m' hae year, A hae some new yins direct frae the land o' the heather an' if ye cana understan' wha they are sayin' ye'll no fail tae appreciate their music.

The St. Andrews and Glen MacDonal are a comin' thegither Wednesday night and we are a anxious tae gie them a good time. Drop in w' the rest o' ye and see o' New York o' Chicago actors wearin' the kilt and tryin' tae talk Scotch. There's naethin' in the world that mak's me sae mad as tae see a lot o' New York o' Chicago actors wearin' the kilt and tryin' tae talk Scotch. There's naethin' in the world that mak's me sae mad as tae see a lot o' New York o' Chicago actors wearin' the kilt and tryin' tae talk Scotch.

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BIG BALL TONIGHT

FIND GOLD IN CHARRED WRECK OF BURNED SAFE

The Oakland Auditorium is a splendid scene of Christmas greens and Christmas berries, awaiting the invasion of the hundreds of guests who tonight will welcome the New Year at the big ball arranged by the theatrical men of the city.

All the boxes have been reserved by prominent men and women, with generous space saved for the marine band, which came from Mare Island to give a short program early in the evening. Screen stars and actor folks of fame will be the particular guests at the elaborate function.

Tonight's dance is the third annual event which has been hosted by the theatrical men and for the first time will introduce a new note in the presence of scores of uniformed men.

The committee which is carefully arranging the details of the brilliant year-end ball are George B. Kreefe, Harry Cornell, B. F. Gavica, Harry Bishop.

A brocht back w' me a ma Scotch laide and laides w' will be lookin' for ye at the Orpheum this mornin'. In addition tae the eneels anu issues A m' hae year, A hae some new yins direct frae the land o' the heather an' if ye cana understan' wha they are sayin' ye'll no fail tae appreciate their music.

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NEVLAN SAYS HE BLOCKED PET SCHEMES

That the "chronic disturbances" charged against him by Governor Stephens and A. H. Nafziger, vice-chairman of the State Council of Defense, actually consisted of blocking legislation that would have given the governor a "million-dollar patronage fund" in the home defense guard bill, and further legislation which would have exempted State funds to be expended by the governor from check or audit, is the reply of John Francis Neylan, former chairman of the State Board of Control and member of the Council of Defense, in the controversy that has been raised as a result of his resignation from the defense body.

Neylan, after castigating the governor and Nafziger at length for the legislation he charges they attempted, and which he admits he blocked, declares that what people of the State want to know is why nothing has been done in eight months toward intelligent survey of the labor situation as a means of protecting California industries. His statement follows:

"Governor Stephens and Nafziger apparently are much more anxious to indulge in personal abuse than to discuss the facts regarding the State Council of Defense.

SAYS HE OBSTRUCTED SEVERAL PET SCHEMES

"They have asserted that I have been an obstructionist. I have obstructed several pet schemes of theirs. I refused to handle before the legislature the State defense guard bill carrying an appropriation of \$1,000,000. This bill provided for the appointment by the governor of 1000 men at \$90 a month. There was no provision for qualifying examination, and there was nothing preventing the loading of the State pay roll with 1000 political workers at \$90 a month while young men of the Nation are being drafted for trench duty at \$35 a month.

"I discussed the bill with the governor and pointed out to him its many glaring absurdities. I told him I would not handle it before the legislature. This made him and his political advisers quite angry.

"Another pet scheme of theirs was to place an emergency fund of \$1,000,000 at the disposal of the governor, to be used without check or audit, the same as the present State Council of Defense fund is being used. I refused to be a party to this scheme, and wrote into the general appropriation bill an emergency fund of \$1,000,000, to be used upon the unanimous vote of the State Board of Control and the State Controller, the regular constitutional fiscal officers of the State.

"This again angered Governor Stephens.

OPPOSES INCREASE OF SECRET FUND

"I also refused, as chairman of the Board of Control, to provide an emergency fund of the governor's secret service fund from \$10,000 to \$50,000. It was also proposed to spend this fund without check or audit.

"I objected to the State Council of Defense fund being exempted from audit.

"On these matters I am perfectly willing to let the people of California judge whether my course was the proper one or if they preferred the system of letting public officials run wild with the State's treasury.

"These are some of the things that I obstructed. Governor Stephens and Nafziger seem to forget that I, acting with Chester Rowell and Dr. Schorer, in September demanded an audit of the finances of the State Council of Defense and that we were refused an audit by Nafziger, and that the audit only came after a continued demand for the same.

"Another constructive suggestion made by me was the appointment of a committee on industry and labor, composed of the following men: Mortimer Fleischacker, E. J. Doherty and John A. Britton, representing employers, and P. H. McCarthy, John A. O'Connell and Seth Brown, representing employees. This committee was proposed by me with the approval and endorsement of the biggest employers and the most prominent leaders of labor in California in the hope that we might bring into existence some agency which would have real courage and would do the work necessary to prevent California's industries from becoming demoralized.

"While we were fighting for seven weeks in the executive committee to overcome the tricky practice of the vice-chairman, the governor of the State had so little concern over the condition of California's industries that he was engaged in wandering from one community to another, making political speeches under the guise of a road inspection tour.

"There are many other matters that these gentlemen would do well to explain to the people of California; but

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GEORGE WHARTON JAMES

Dean of California writers; authority on California history; noted western editor and author, will become literary editor of The TRIBUNE, conducting the book reviews, and contributing a page in the great Sunday TRIBUNE on California literature and history.

WINIFRED BLACK

Best-known and highest-salaried woman writer; keen student of affairs that involve your everyday life; author of articles of heart-interest. Her column in The TRIBUNE will be eagerly watched for.

DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG,

A. B., M. A., M. D.

of Johns Hopkins University, author of hundreds of articles on public health; a physician of note. He will edit a TRIBUNE department, "Secrets of Health and Happiness," and will answer questions that vitally concern you.

LUCREZIA BORI

Famous as an opera singer; a Spanish prima donna who has sung her way into world fame. Noted as a beautiful woman, her beauty column in The TRIBUNE will be popular.

ADELE GARRISON

Novelist and newspaper woman, who has penned many startling tales of domestic life. Will contribute to The TRIBUNE, "One Wife's Revelations," an absorbing story of the heart.

HERMAN WHITAKER

Well-known author, who has gone to France for The TRIBUNE. His first article will appear soon. He is going to watch YOUR boy and write of him in TRIBUNE articles.

ARTHUR GUY EMPEY

Author of whose famous book, "OVER THE TOP," will begin shortly in The TRIBUNE. Watch for the announcement.

TRIBUNE FEATURES ARE FAMOUS

FONTAINE FOX, creator of the "Toonerville Trolley," "Powerful Katrinka," "Tomboy Taylor," "Terrible Tempered Mr. Bangs," draws his splendid comics exclusively for The TRIBUNE.

C. R. MACAULAY is contributing a splendid series of war cartoons, the best work this noted artist has done.

GUS DIRKS, creator of the "Katzenjammer Kids," makes his youngsters cut-up every Sunday in The TRIBUNE; so does **R. F. OUTCAULT**, who invented "Buster Brown" and "Mary Jane" and "Tige"; to say nothing of **DE BECK** and his "Married Life" comic.

DOC YAK, EXCLUSIVELY IN OAKLAND TRIBUNE EVERY SUNDAY.

HOWARD GARIS contributes his Bedtime Story daily—a feature that has been taken to the heart of every child friend of The TRIBUNE.

DAN SMITH, high-salaried newspaper artist, draws the Sunday TRIBUNE'S cover; **WESTERMAN** contributes his laughable page, "Sketches From Life"; **H. A. MAC GILL** puts "Percy and Ferdie" over the traces.

THE TRIBUNE'S FICTION IS THE BEST OBTAINABLE

Here Are Some of the Authors Who Have Contributed—Names to Conjure With

BOOTH TARKINGTON
ANNA KATHERINE GREEN
LEROY SCOTT
MARY ROBERTS RINEHART
RUPERT HUGHES
E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM
EMERSON HOUGH
LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE

THE KNAVE every Sunday writes of "inside" politics and of people you know.

"KET'S" cartoons of local events are famous.

CHILDREN'S SECTION—a magazine in itself for the kiddies—stories, puzzles, playground and school news—appears every Sunday.

BOOK REVIEWS, ART NOTES, MUSIC ARE WRITTEN BY EXPERTS OF THE TRIBUNE STAFF.

SCOUTS TO ENJOY NEW YEAR FETE

The New Year will be opened in typical Scout fashion tomorrow by the Oakland Boy Scouts of America at their new week-end camp above Diamond canyon. Games, contests, "cats," will feature the day and start off the camp for the remainder of the week, during which time arrangements have been made to take care of 150 boys a day.

From Tuesday to Saturday the camp attendance will break all records, as the Scouts have now completed their Christmas "good turn" to the poor, and others have been released from their vacation work.

A hot dinner is served every day to the boys who do their duty at camp. The toughest brush and poison oak has been cleared out and burned. The advantageous location of the camp has been proved during the last two weeks by the sunny weather which has prevailed.

As the camp committee, composed of A. C. Hibbard, chairman, V. O. Lawrence, George Harris and Lee Berthillon, has offered a \$20 trek-cart to the troop which accumulates the largest pile of cleared brush, the last lap of the race for this prize is especially keen, with Troop 3 in the lead and Troops 18 and 20 close seconds.

Many visitors called at the camp Sunday and are expected in large numbers on New Year's day, as the automobile road leading into the camp from the junction of Lincoln avenue and Redwood road is now open and clear of brush.

The camp has been judged by experts to be the finest permanent Scout camp on the coast.

OFFICERS' CAMP OPENS JANUARY 5

Special to The TRIBUNE.

CAMP LEWIS, Dec. 31.—The work of whipping promising young American material into officers of the first class will start at the third officers' training camp which opens here on January 5. Final arrangements have been completed.

California will be well represented at the camp. In the 3500 Infantry regiment from Oakland, San Francisco and the bay district, sixty men have been recommended for appointment in the 24th Infantry, which includes most of the Southern California contingent, seventy more have been counted in line for promotion.

The men have been selected by showings made in the daily drill and general routine work. The men finally selected were then called before an examining board and a careful examination into mental qualifications made. They were then given a rigid physical examination.

L. E. Doan, wealthy oil magnate, an Oakland man, whose son, Corporal L. E. Doan Jr., of the 27th company, 10th Infantry, 11th depot brigade, and a former student at the University of California, visited the camp today. He declared that he was proud that his son had gone into the service.

Among the boys at the training camp is Jay Belasco of Hollywood, whose name and face is known to every movie fan in the country. Belasco was formerly a London Hippodrome star. He is a sergeant in the 16th depot brigade.

READY MONEY
from a few hours' work in spare time. See The TRIBUNE Want Ads.

CHILD PLAYING WITH MATCHES IS BURNED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Claire McCormick, aged 15, child of William McCormick, a hatter of 769 Cole street, was burned to death early today when, playing with matches, he set fire to the nightgown he was wearing. The child was rushed to a hospital and died shortly after arrival.

CHRISTMAS BABY GETS HIS GIFTS

Exactly one minute after the light over the City Hall clock had flashed midnight, ushering in Christmas morning, Carol Frederik Elferle, the first baby born in Oakland this Christmas, greeted the world with his first cry.

Carol Frederik did not know that at his birth he had established himself as Oakland's Christmas baby, the lucky baby to receive gifts from a dozen Oakland firms, and to be acclaimed by The Oakland TRIBUNE as recipient of special favors. It was only after a comparison of the records in the health department at the City Hall had been made that it was definitely known that the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Elferle of 3008 Foothill Boulevard was the lucky child to be honored on the Day of Nativity.

THREE BABIES BORN.

There were three babies born Christmas morning, but Carol Frederik had a big lead on the others, one being born at 4 o'clock and the other an hour later still. The Friday before Christmas The TRIBUNE announced the welcome that would be accorded the first Christmas baby. This included the starting of a bank account and gifts ranging from pretty white kid moccasins to baby record, in which his birth and name and all the interesting facts about him might be recorded. Here are the gifts that await Carol Frederik Elferle:

TRIBUNE OPENS ACCOUNT

Deposit of \$5 to open his savings account at the Central Savings Bank given by The Oakland TRIBUNE.

Deposit of \$5 added by the Central Savings Bank.

Baby's first bonnet by Mosbacher's, 517 Fourteenth street.

Baby's first coat, Montgomery & Upright, Thirteenth and Washington.

Baby's first bouquet, Mori Florist, 1510 Clay street.

Baby's first portrait, to be taken at Webster's Studio, 517 Fourteenth street.

Baby record, Smith Bros., 472 Thirteenth street.

Diamond baby ring, W. N. Jenkins, Thirteenth and Washington.

The health department record of the Christmas baby shows his father as Chris Elferle, his mother as Mrs. Jessie Elferle, the attending physician as Dr. C. D. Cobb. The baby was registered December 26 as No. 3192 in the series of 1917.

ST. MARK'S DANCE

A unique feature of Oakland's New Year's eve celebration tonight will be the dance at the St. Mark hotel. The affair will be given a theatrical tone through the attendance of many touring stage stars, many of whom are registered at the hotel. Invitations have been extended the casts at the Orpheum, Pantages and other theaters. For some years past it has been the custom for visiting stage stars to attend the hotel dance after the show.

The affair is to be under the direction of A. L. Leam. Orchestras will play in the hotel lobby and in the ballroom, dancing to be staged in both places. A special program of entertainment has been arranged for the occasion.

SIGN NEW REPORT

Oakland grocers are busy filling out the new detailed inventory reports demanded by the food administration, and which must be mailed by the new year. The blanks for these reports are obtainable at the office of the Retail Grocers' Association.

This report is a detail of every ounce of foodstuffs in the stores of the city. The survey taken several weeks ago was a preliminary and consisted of estimates, the present inquiry going more closely into the demand and stock on hand.

SHIP BOARD WILL URGE WAGE RAISE

Bay district iron trades employers will be advised by the Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation to yield to the demand of their men for the 10 per cent raise, the dispute over which caused the present iron workers' strike. This is the word received today by Robert W. Burton, president of the Iron Trades Council, according to his announcement, from James McConnell, president of the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor.

AWAITING ADVICE.

Neither the Foundrymen's or Iron Trades employers' organizations have received word of such advice, they say. The union men declare the news means that the government will back their demands.

The employees representing the California Metal Trade and Foundrymen's Association were in conference with O. E. Fowler, chairman of the Metal Trades Association, this morning. Fowler has just returned from Washington, and it is expected that he will recommend, in view of the dire need of their products on government sub-contracts, a settlement of the strike.

The iron trades council is standing firm in its demand for a 10 per cent increase, and President R. S. Burton said today that the only way the plants affected could be re-opened would be for the employees to accede to their demands.

In Oakland most of the smaller firms have already agreed to the raise, according to S. W. Lore of the Central Labor Council. Tony Quintal, business manager of the Structural Ironworkers, declares that the Best Gas Traction Company and the Judson Iron Works are the principal firms in which the men are still outstriking. In the meantime the conferences between Mortimer Fleischacker, government mediator, and the strikers and employers, are being continued today.

The dispute grew out of the wages awarded iron workers in shipyards. After a rehearing of the award of the Federal Shipping Wage Adjustment Board, granting the 31 per cent raise demanded by the ship workers, the Shipping Board asked that an additional 10 per cent in the form of a bonus, be paid shipyards to encourage their entering this line of work.

FIRST STEP FOR MORE.

The unions thereupon demanded that all unions get this 10 per cent, and being refused, called the strike. Burton declares that the claim for the 10 per cent is the first step in a move to get a minimum of \$5.50 a day for all iron workers.

Science Solves Invisible Bifocal Problem

"Caltex" Invisible Bifocal Lenses involve scientific principles of lens grinding which no other type of bifocal possesses. An important feature of their success is the grinding of the distance and reading portions from one piece of glass—doing away with the very objectionable and disturbing elements found in other bifocals.

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As You Go Over the Top

in your charge across the three hundred and sixty-five days of the New Year, we wish you all the luck possible in safely overcoming the many serious obstacles that may confront you.

We hope that each one of you who is making a sacrifice either in person, in money or in family manpower to "Make the World Safe for Democracy" may be rewarded by the safe return of Family, Friend and Finance.

That your success may be assured, we offer you every material assistance together with our heartiest co-operation and lasting good-will for the decisive year of nineteen eighteen. May it bring you prosperity and happiness.

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What is doing TO-NIGHT.

Theatrical Men's Ball, Auditorium. Rebekahs hold turkey whist party, Porter Hall.

Piedmont Athletic Club gives banquet and dance, Home Club.

Macdonough—The Flame.

Orpheum—Fanchon and Marco.

Fantasia—Revue de Vogue.

Bishop—Too Many Cooks.

Columbia—Jim Post in Jiggs in Society.

Hippodrome—Vaudeville.

T. & D.—Lina Cavalieri in The Eternal Temptress.

American—Gail Kane in A Game of Wits.

Kinema—Marguerite Clark in Bob's Mother.

Franklin—Helen Ferguson in Gift of Gab.

Broadway—The Honor System.

Lake Merritt—Boating.

What is doing TO-MORROW?

Berkeley Oratoria Society gives concert, High school auditorium, Berkeley, evening.

New Year's Day celebration, boat racing, Lake Merritt, 2 p. m.; basketball Auditorium, 3 p. m.; dances, Auditorium, 4:30.

Marine Band plays, Lakeside Park, afternoon.

By H. A. MacGILL
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NEW YEAR DAY, 2 P. M.

Spear, Ch. Road, O. St., 191, 50.
 Spear, Rd. Mac., \$10.50; Niles
 D. & R. Co., \$213.48 Total, \$223.98.
 Further business appearing, the
 adjourned.

D. J. MURPHY, Chairman.
 St. GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk.
 JAMES C. HOLLAND, Deputy.

STOCKS and BONDS BY WIRE FROM BOARD QUOTATIONS CHICAGO NEW YORK PRODUCE and GRAIN EASTERN & FOREIGN

STOCKS and BONDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The final session of the year on the Stock Exchange was accompanied by further recoveries in the leading industrial and financial stocks, but the volume of trading was not as heavy as in the previous periods of the trading were as follows:

OPENING—Price movements in the first fifteen minutes of trading were not equally divided between gains and losses, with the motor shares the most active. The market reflected accumulation which has been in progress for some days past. Studebaker rose 1/4 to 50 1/2 and General Motors 2 1/2 to 133 1/2. Texas Company advanced 1/4 to 133 1/2, followed by a rise of 1/2 to 135 1/2. Union Pacific declined 1/4 to 113 1/2. Maxwell rose 1/4 to 26 1/2.

FORENOON—A strong tone developed in the late forenoon, common advanced 1/4 to 8 1/2 and Bethlehem Steel 3/4 to 73 1/2. Motor issues were exceptionally strong, with General Motors advancing from 133 1/2 to 135 1/2, and Studebaker from 50 1/2 to 51 1/2. American Smelting advanced 1/4 to 73 1/2. Some specialties were also active, such as American Sugar, which rose 1/4 to 10 1/2, and American Leather, which opened at 6 1/2, rose to 6 3/4. The railway issues were irregular. Money loaning at 4 1/2 per cent. **REOPENING**—Industrial shares of the minor war group and low-priced specialties, became more active and stronger. American Sugar advanced 1/4 to 10 3/4. American Leather, which opened at 6 1/2, rose to 6 3/4. The railway issues were irregular. Money loaning at 4 1/2 per cent. **CLOSING**—Steele, shipbuilding and equipment were almost buoyant in the active hour. The closing was strong, with the 4 1/2 per cent. Treasury note at 114 and the 3 1/2 per cent. Treasury note at 108 1/2.

CLOSING NEW YORK BID AND ASKED

The following quotations of stocks and bonds on the New York Stock Exchange, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, with the bid and asked prices, are as follows:

Am. Chemical	High.	Low.	Open.	Close.
Am. Gold	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Am. Chalmers	10 3/4	10 3/4	10 3/4	10 3/4
Am. Can Co	28 3/4	28 3/4	28 3/4	28 3/4
Am. Can Co pref	80 3/4	80 3/4	80 3/4	80 3/4
Am. Can & Foundry	71	68 1/2	70	70
Am. Can & S pref	71	68 1/2	70	70
Am. Beet Sugar	71	68 1/2	70	70
Am. Javanese	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4
Am. Linsend	60	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Am. Maple	91	88 1/2	90	90
Am. Malt pref	27	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Am. Cotton Oil	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Am. Hide and Leather	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Am. Hide and L pref	40 3/4	40 3/4	40 3/4	40 3/4
Am. Locomotive	60 3/4	60 3/4	60 3/4	60 3/4
Am. Locomotive pref	61	60	60	60
Am. Steel Foundry	70	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 3/4
Am. Slaughter pref	98 3/4	97	97	97
Am. S. P. pref	23	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Am. Zinc	14	12 1/2	13	13
Am. Tobacco	14 1/2	13 1/2	14	14
Am. Union	85 3/4	84 1/2	85	85
Am. Tel and Tel ex-div	103 1/2	102 1/2	103	103
Am. Ship	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
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Writes About Firing First Yankee Shell in the War SEES SHOT LAND IN HUN TRENCHES

CAPT. STANLEY F. BRYAN



BERKELEY, Dec. 29.—Describing the "grand and glorious" feeling of firing the first American shell in the war, Captain Stanley F. Bryan of Company C Fifth Field Artillery, who had that honor, has written his mother, Mrs. Grace Fisk Billings of this city.

Captain Bryan is a graduate of the University of California with the class of 1913, and is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He was for some time employed in the recorder's office at the university, and was in the San Francisco office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company when he took his examination and received his commission. He was with Pershing's forces at Fort Bliss, and sailed in July for France.

Under the date of November 23, Captain Bryan writes:

"My last letter was written from R—, on my way to the front. At the time I did not tell you where I was bound, except in a general way, but since the official communiques have announced it all, I suppose there is no harm telling about it now."

GAVE COMMAND.
"We left R— the day after I wrote you, and moved into position at night, spent a day getting into shape, and the second day commenced firing—this time at a real target. I saw a paper from the States the other day that gave a detailed account of how the first shot was fired by 'A' battery of the Fifth Field Artillery, and another telling how a 'red-headed artillery captain' fired the first shot. Anyway they were both wrong. It was 'C' battery of the Fifth, and your son had the honor of commanding the first American battery to adjust fire on a German target (my executive officer is a 'red-headed'), and it was certainly a 'grand and glorious feeling' when, after sending down the data and order to fire from my observatory I saw that first one land over in the German lines. It paid for a lot of hard work and long months of preparation. It soon came to be a common occurrence, but that first shot was about the biggest thing that happened to me."

"I can't give any detailed accounts, of course, and all that I am telling has already been given in official communiques, or I wouldn't write of it. We were in the row occasioned by the first German attack, or raid, on our lines. That was quite a happening for us who were new to the game. They shelled us quite a bit, particularly the road we had to pass over to get to our guns. It was a mighty pretty sight—the flashes from all the batteries, and the light from the star shells sent up from the trenches, but the whistling noise over head rather interfered with any desire we may have had to stop and watch."

TELL OF CRUELITIES.
"At daylight they brought in the wounded. I talked to one of them, who told me what had happened up front, and there were several not very pretty things he told me about the Boche. Unnecessary cruelties. The next day I, with a portion of the battery, attended the funeral of the three men killed—Enright, Greenham and Hay. They were buried just outside my quarters. There was also French and American infantry in the

ENLISTED MEN TO BE ENTERTAINED

letic events, refreshments, band concerts and pretty girls will greet the enlisted men of the army and navy who come to Oakland tomorrow.

Five hundred girls will form the reception committee at the municipal boat house and they will be joined by a thousand others, who will be the dancing partners of the soldiers and sailors at the auditorium.

The Mare Island contingent, coming in force, will be met at the Sixteenth-street depot at 12:45, by citizens in automobiles, provided by the Automobile Club of Oakland, and there will be a short parade through the principal streets to the boat house. Following is the official program of the day:

2:00 p. m.—Hospitality and music.
5:00 p. m.—Boat races for sixty prizes.
8:30 p. m.—Refreshments.
9:30 to 11:00 p. m.—Boating privileges on the lake, free to men in uniform and their ladies.
8:30 p. m.—Athletic events and entertainment in arena of auditorium.
4:30 to 6:00 p. m.—Dancing at the auditorium.

In the event of rain the program, with the exception of the boat races, will be given in the auditorium.

PRIZES CONTRIBUTED
Sixty prizes will be awarded contestants of the various athletic events, consisting of merchandise orders, upon which may be obtained almost anything from mirrors to silk stockings, silk from cigars to tea and coffee. The following firms are contributing:

Jenkins Jewelry Co., Owl Drug Co., Lee Berthelion, Bowman Drug Co., Kohler & Chase, Oakland Dry Goods Association, L. J. Stanley, E. Barovich, The Liberty Candy Co., McNutt & Swift, Sherman Clay & Co., Downey Paint Co., Goldberg, Bowen & Co., Schleuter's, Moss Glove Co., H. & S. Barovich, Lehnhardt Candy Co., Smith Bros, Pignatelli, John Brainerd, S. Arnold & Co., Houss & Ramo, Jackson Furniture Co., Sunset Grocery Co., Edwards Jewelry Co., H. Morton Jewelry Co., Maxwell Hardware Co., and Whittier & Swan.

WOMEN TO ENTERTAIN

Mrs. John H. Pertne is chairman of the large committee, which is arranging the afternoon's entertainment and dance at the Municipal Auditorium. Fifteen hundred of the young girls of the east bay cities are to be present to receive the visitors, five hundred of them to serve upon the reception committee at the Municipal bathhouse.

Mrs. Pertne is to be aided by a large company of women and among these are: Mrs. Thomas Mitchell Potter, Mrs. Daniel Easterbrook, Mrs. Frank Leach, Mrs. P. C. Turner, Mrs. J. J. Bred, Mrs. A. J. Vanderruit, Mrs. William A. Barbour, Mrs. Frank Milton Avery, Mrs. Oscar Fitzalan Long, Mrs. Joseph Russell Knowland, Mrs. Harris Cabert Capwell, Mrs. Dudley Kinnell, Mrs. Anne Florn Brown, Mrs. J. J. Valentine, Miss Matilda Brown, Mrs. E. L. Ormsby, Mrs. Guy C. Earl, Mrs. Richard Kessler, Dr. A. L. Henry Reinhardt, Mrs. William Nat Friend, Miss Janet Haight, Mrs. George Roth, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. Wallace Watson, Mrs. Edwin W. Owen, Mrs. Philip Teller, Mrs. C. L. Dade, Mrs. A. U. Gott, Mrs. Thomas Hutt, Mrs. W. W. Dickinson, Mrs. J. E. McDowell, Mrs. William H. Meyers, Mrs. James E. Kerner, Mrs. S. J. Ackerman, Miss Ida Spencer, Miss Mary Castel, Mrs. Mildred Husbands and Miss Louise McGuire.

S. F. MAN WOUNDED

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Only one American is mentioned in the latest casualty lists issued by the record office here. He is D. Campbell, San Francisco, wounded.

establishment usually sleep in the next room to yours and it sounds as if they were trying to kick the head of your bed down all night."

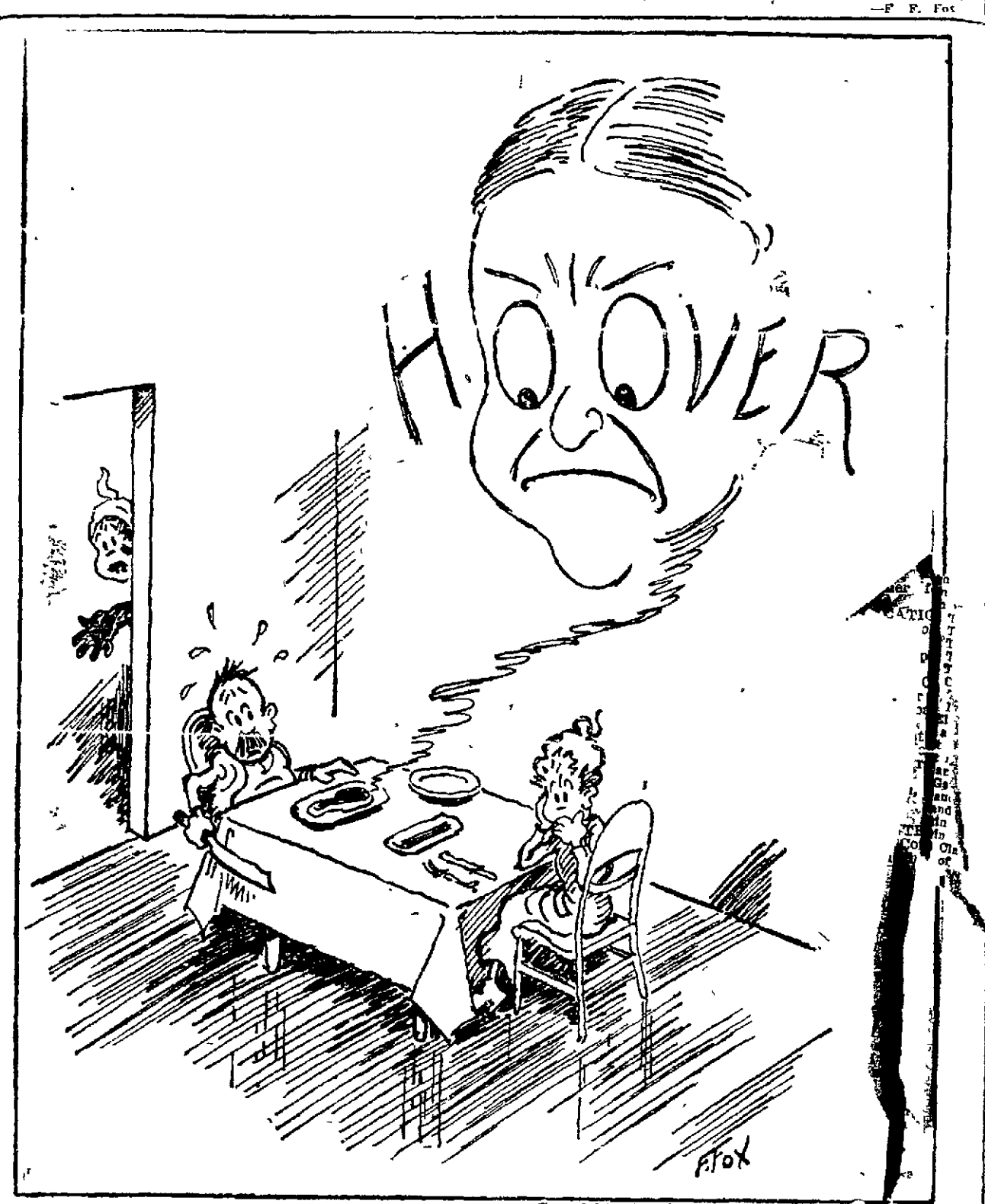
BOASTS PIANO.
"We are now in 'winter quarters.' This town was once quite a village, and boasts a quite imposing 'maire' where we have our headquarters, kitchen and sleeping room. The building was rapidly going to ruin, but our mechanics are progressing with its restoration, and as each room has a fireplace it is becoming dried out and habitable. There is a piano in my billet also. At present it is sadly out of tune, but an expert tuner in the battery can remedy that. You can always find someone to do anything in a battery, usually in the most unexpected locality. This man in question normally functions as a horse-shoer."

"We get practically no news here that is up to date. The result is that the men attempt to make up for the deficiency by starting weird and startling rumors. Today, I understand, they have it that Japan has declared war on the United States' army or two ago they had Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland in the war. Split 50-50 as near as I could gather. It gives them something to talk about, so I guess it's all right. They have also originated a 'haunt' for one of our billets. The one in question is originally a convent, and some imaginative soldier has the tale that three nuns were murdered in one room some two hundred years ago, and that the place hadn't been used by the French since that time on account of the ghosts. I'll admit the place looks as if it hadn't been occupied for that length of time, but as far as I can discover, that's the only part of the story that has any vestige of truth. Anyway, they say they hear rappings and footsteps and the battery came near being disbanded the other night when some joker rattled a grace chain on the gallery about midnight. (More amusement in lieu of movies and other luxuries to which the men are accustomed.)"

"Clara Torrey, who was in my class at the university, and afterward secretary to President Wheeler, has just joined the regiment, has a reserve commission as first lieutenant. Dorsey Stephens, another classmate, and ex-Rhodess scholar, has also joined. There are six of us in the regiment now who went to college together, and several others in other organizations near here. Ollie Haines is in the next town. I saw Jack Alexander on his way to the trenches not long ago."

"I got a copy of the war service Alumni Fortnightly from Harcourt Hervey, and I find that they have me down as a lieutenant of infantry. I'll see them for libel when I get home. The best job in the world in this man's war, is that of a battery commander, in my opinion."

When You Suddenly Realize You Are Having Beef on a Beefless Day



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NEVADA SENATOR STILL UNNAMED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—"Who's going to be the Senator?"

This is the merry little question keeping alert the minds of Nevada politicians, and in the meantime Governor Emmett D. Boyle, who will name the successor to the late Senator Newlands, is in San Francisco, blushing deeply whenever he is asked if he will appoint himself to the office, and rectifying with great accuracy and some degree of enjoyment a notable list of all the prominent Nevadans who are candidates for the job.

The Governor will not say whom he will appoint.

Governor Boyle arrived last evening from Washington, by way of New Orleans. Immediately thereupon the lobby of the Palace Hotel was crowded with Nevada politicians. The Governor had visited Washington in the interests of the silver mines of his state. He also consulted on the Chinese problem and on monetary reforms. These he was willing to discuss.

But not the senatorship. He had to go home and have a "powwow" about it first, he said.

Also he gave the names of the candidates as they had been given to him. These are the men he says want the job. Patrick McCarron, Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, George B. Thatcher, State Attorney-General, Chas. B. Henderson, lawyer of Elko, J. F. Shaughnessy, associate commissioner on the railroad board, Clay Tallman, Commissioner of the United States Public Land Office, Charles Lee Horsey, District Judge of Lincoln county, James T. Boyd, Democratic politician of Reno, A. B. Wichey, banker of Elko, and Samuel Belford, attorney of Reno.

That there are other candidates appeared from the fact that the Governor's secretary added several others to the list.

RAID POOLROOMS

Minors who congregated in pool rooms are being rounded up by the police with the result that three places were visited last night and four youths taken into custody while the proprietors were released on \$50 bail each. The visitors were released on \$10 each.

Sterios Agrocostas, who conducts a poolroom at 467 Eighth street, was arrested for permitting Edward McLean of 413 Clay street, to use his tables.

Gus Massanos of 439 Twelfth street, another proprietor, and John Pichon of 723 Broadway, were also arrested by Corporal O'Neill and Patrolman Steve Conolly, in Pichon's place Lawrence Rogers, 17, Joe Ferraro, 16, and Bert Tyson, 16, were taken into custody and released on bail.

PLACARDS WARN

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 31.—Huge placards warning all alien enemies to remain 100 yards away from all docks and industrial plants in the waterfront district, were posted today by members of the United States marshals' office. In addition, armed guards are stationed at the municipal pier and other points to see that this latest order of the government is enforced. The troops on guard duty will use bullets if necessary to keep the waterfront district free from suspicious characters, it was said this morning.

ALASKA BONE DRY

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 31.—Alaska will go on the list of "bone dry" states and territories at midnight tonight. Some of the saloons which will close their doors have been operating since the days of the gold rush in 1898.

ASK FOR and GET
Horlick's
The Original
Malted Milk
Substitutes Cost YOU Some Price.

BEAT WAR DRAFT

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 31.—Conscription in Australia was defeated in the recent election by 100,000 Industrial Workers of the World, who, besides voting themselves, pressed into service the ballots of their women relatives, according to Cox, representative in Melbourne of a Montreal firm, who has just returned here from the southern commonwealth.

Cox, however, declares conscription in Australia is assured, as the real Australian realizes the menace to the British empire unless Germany is defeated.

WILL PLANT BEETS

SANTA ANA, Dec. 31.—Beet growers are advised today by letter from the Associated Beet Growers of Southern California to plant increased acreage in sugar beets as much as possible. This action was agreed upon following an assurance that beet growers will be granted a price commensurate with the profit deserved.

Every concession sought has been granted beet growers, Attorney Clyde Bishop declared today upon his return from the sugar hearing at Washington. Bishop represented the associated growers. Harmony has again been restored. The base price is expected to be between \$3.50 and \$4 for fifteen per cent beets, be no beet sugar shortage in Wyoming, Utah, Nebraska or California, Bishop believes.

FIX WAY FOR WORKMAN OWN HIS

The wisdom of providing a "chase clause" in contracts of homes to workmen, for cooperative building and home ownership, if the organization co-operative concern shall necessary to meet the housing problem in Oakland, was urged Cohn, director of the house of the California Commission on Immigration and at the Hotel Oakland today executive committee of the of Commerce housing survey.

Cohn pointed out that while in a new community in the first month or two of the permanence of the homes, realizing that the money put into the property may them if they are forced to in a few months or that they get but a small proportion equity back again.

FIXED OUT.
To meet this situation, the "chase clause" was invented. It has been tried out with excellent results in Ontario and other cities. Experimented to some extent a solution to the housing problem. The "chase clause" is that in case the worker bought or is buying a home, the company shall be forced as a result of a change in management, the company selling places agrees to re-purchase him on a reasonable basis in the clause, and permit reimbursement for his expense the basis of the equity in the house.

A provision of this kind, workers take the opportunity for establishing a home without the feeling of which is frequently felt, in a home of his own, the worker is in the move and becomes a permanent in the war work.

TO SOLVE PROBLEM.
The Chamber of Commerce is desirous of working to solve the housing problem, and to make this plan perfectly with the local. The thorough survey now is the first step being taken in a scientific manner exact housing situation in Oakland the community has an interest and as service put for ment in the war work.

The executive committee with Cohn today is composed of H. Pendleton (chairman), J. H. Gelder and S. J. L.

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